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# 'NO TEACHING JOBS WILL GO'

## Education chief promises budget cuts will not lead to redundancies

By **PHIL REILLY**

SCHOOLS across Kent and Medway are facing effective funding cuts, but the county council insists teachers will not be made redundant.

The 2008-09 school year is the first of three in which they will receive an annual 2.1 per cent increase in funding, but with running costs rising by more than this many will have to tighten their belts.

The Government has also told schools they must make one per cent efficiency savings every year.

Figures from the Liberal Democrats show more than a quarter of schools in Kent and a third of those in Medway are in effect facing funding cuts.

Mark Dance, KCC's cabinet member for operations, resources and skills, insisted those figures were "way out" and "too simplistic" but acknowledged schools were in for a "very tough time".

Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg argued the figures showed the need for a "new fair funding system" for schools.

He said £2.5 billion should be reallocated for a 'pupil premium' to support the most disadvantaged pupils.

He said: "We believe 2008 and 2009 are going to be the toughest years for school budgets for a decade, as rates of inflation exceed the money allocated to many schools.

"Early indications are that teacher redundancies will rise from the start of the new school year this September – impacting directly on teaching.

"For many schools, Blair's 'Education, Education, Education', is about to become Brown's 'Cuts, Cuts, Cuts'."

Cllr Dance told KoS schools will be forced to make cut backs, but insisted no teachers would be made redundant.

When asked twice how the schools would cut their budgets without letting go of staff, Cllr Dance responded: "That's the million dollar question," and "I can't give you a hard and fast answer".

He said: "As far as school funding is concerned in Kent, there are very tough times ahead next year and especially the year after.

"The efficiency savings are going to bite. Fuel costs are rising because of the whole costs of gas and oil. It is going to put huge pressure on schools.

"When we set the budget this year we had no idea what fuel would do."

Cllr Dance said a new system of identifying deprived pupil populations, rather than deprived schools, meant it is now easier to target funds.

He also said the recent school mergers and closures caused by falling rolls would help stop schools wasting money and savings could be made by replacing

retiring teachers with younger ones.

Les Wicks, Medway Council's cabinet member for children's services, said: "These figures are taken from our Primary Strategy for Change report, which will be submitted to the Government so we can receive the funds we need to improve our primary schools.

"Medway's primary schools need the facilities appropriate for 21st Century teaching and learning, but only after years of government under-funding have they finally come up with a programme to tackle this issue.

"With limited funding we have done our best to refurbish schools, but the backlog is down to government failure."

A Department for Children, Schools and Families spokesman said the three-year funding settlement would provide for "continuing growth" and said it had increased by two-thirds in real terms since 1997.

He said: "But we have always been clear that while funding continues to rise over the next three years, it will not be at the unprecedented levels of previous years. The three-year settlement gives schools a guaranteed per pupil cash increase and the stability and independence to budget ahead with confidence.

"We are giving schools active support to run their finances even more effectively, so every pupil gets the opportunities they deserve and money can be freed up and reinvested in the education system."



## Cameron's big guns bid for county's votes

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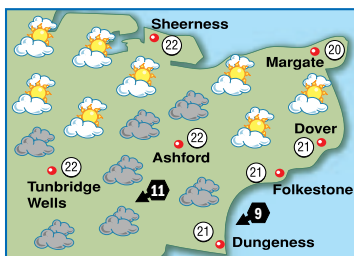
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## Kent today



**TODAY:** There will be variable amounts of cloud cover, but with some sunshine at times. A light northerly breeze. Max temp 20-23C (68-73F).

**TONIGHT:** Staying dry with clear spells and variable cloud cover. A light northerly breeze. Min temp 12-15C (54-59F).

## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	21	70	London	fair	18	64
Belfast	cloudy	20	68	Liverpool	cloudy	22	72
Birmingham	cloudy	21	70	Manchester	cloudy	20	68
B'mouth	cloudy	21	70	Newcastle	cloudy	20	68
Bristol	cloudy	17	63	Norwich	fair	20	68
Cardiff	cloudy	21	70	Oxford	cloudy	20	68
Cork	cloudy	19	66	Southsea	cloudy	20	68
Edinburgh	cloudy	21	70	S'hampton	fair	18	64
Glasgow	showers	18	64	Southport	sun	18	64
Isle of Man	fair	18	64	Swansea	cloudy	18	64
Leeds	cloudy	19	66	Torquay	cloudy	19	66

## Sun & moon

Sunrise	4.38am	Sunset	9.11pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	10.02am	Moonsel	12.28am	9.11pm to 4.38am

## High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	03.04 6.3 15.24 6.4	03.55 6.0 16.13 6.2
Margate	04.11 4.7 16.15 4.5	05.02 4.5 17.05 4.4
St Mary's	08.56 5.1 21.18 5.3	09.48 4.8 22.10 5.0

## Week ahead

<b>monday</b> Staying fine. max 22C min 13C	<b>thursday</b> Some showers. max 18C min 11C
<b>tuesday</b> Cloud building. max 20C min 11C	<b>friday</b> Rain easing. max 18C min 11C
<b>wednesday</b> Rain clearing. max 18C min 10C	<b>saturday</b> Some showers. max 18C min 11C

# New phone deal puts us in sync with China

A MOBILE phone software company based in Kent has signed a global licensing deal with a leading Chinese handset maker.

Synchronica, which has its headquarters in Tunbridge Wells, said it would get 20 per cent of all revenues received by the unnamed manufacturer, or \$1 per handset sold.

The Chinese company expects to ship 16 million devices during 2008, chief executive Carsten Brinkschulte told Kent on Sunday.

"The potential for revenue is enormous," he said, adding that China had 580 million mobile phone subscribers and six out of 10 people do not have a mobile yet, making massive potential for growth.

The software, Mobile Gateway, synchronises email and mobile services, and is similar to Blackberry devices and smartphones.

It will initially be available in China and then worldwide, Mr Brinkschulte said.

He said a clause in the contract prevented him from naming the Chinese company until the service had been launched, but said reports it was TCL, one of China's largest consumer electronics manufacturers, are wrong.

Following the news of the deal on Thursday shares in Synchronica surged nearly 25 per cent, valuing the firm at around £10.2 million.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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The company currently employs 25 people in its Tunbridge Wells office. Mr Brinkschulte said the engineering team, which is currently based in Berlin, is being doubled to cope with new demand from the two incensing deals.

"Mobile email is expanding. People think everyone has a Blackberry already, but only 14 million have so far. There is a potential of 3.5 billion mobile phone users – it's just the tip of the iceberg," he added.

Mr Brinkschulte said the emerging markets of China, India, Latin America and Africa, were perfect for the company's technology because users tend not have PCs as well as mobile phones. He added that the deal was a breakthrough because it is difficult to establish an agreement such as this without having a local presence.

The Synchronica deal follows a project called China Gateway in Thanet, which will provide 3,000 local jobs when it opens next year.

Planning permission for the project, which could bring a number of large Chinese firms to Manston Business Park, is expected shortly, David Foley, chief executive of Thanet and East Chamber, told Kent on Sunday last month.

## Asian disaster victims to be remembered at cathedral

A REMEMBRANCE service for victims of the Chinese earthquake and Burmese cyclone is being held at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday.

The event at 6.30pm will be the first joint English and Chinese service held in the building in its 1,000-year history.

Following the 7.9 magnitude earthquake that struck Sichuan province in China and the devastation wrought by the cyclone in Burma, members of the Chinese community in Canterbury have been actively responding to the disaster.

Revd Chris Pemberton, vicar of St Mary Bredin Church in Canterbury, who has been involved in setting up the service, said: "The service is open to all who have been affected by the disaster."

"It will be an opportunity for us to remember and pray for those who have died and the aid agency workers who are continuing their relief work."

A new official death toll puts the number of people killed in the May 12 disaster in China at 69,016, with another 18,830 missing. Almost 7,000 classrooms are reported to have collapsed, killing more than 11,000 children and teachers, and triggering complaints that the schools were badly built.

## Landslides

At least 368,545 people were also injured in the quake, according to the Chinese government, and about five million were made homeless.

People have been further displaced by more than 30 'quake lakes' – vast pools of water created when the earthquake triggered landslides down valleys, clogging rivers and turning them into fast-rising lakes. More than 200,000 people have been evacuated to higher ground away from the quake lakes.

A month after Burma was hit by a cyclone, foreign aid agencies say a quarter of a million people have not received any help. Despite claims by the Burmese generals the relief operation is over, aid workers say there remains an urgent need to provide food and other basic aid.

## Reach for the skies at international air show

UP TO 100,000 people are expected to attend an air show in Kent today.

Veteran, vintage and modern aircraft are scheduled to perform in flying displays at the Biggin Hill International Air Fair.

Crowds at the former Battle of Britain fighter base will see an airworthy replica of Louis Bleriot's monoplane – the first flying machine to cross the English Channel, in July 1909.

A Vickers Vimy bomber, an example of the first aircraft to fly non-stop across the Atlantic, in 1919, will also be on show.

The Hurricane, Spitfire and Lancaster Bomber of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight are among the World War Two contingent, supported by the Royal Navy's Historic Flight, who are flying the Seafire 17, a carrier-borne version of the Spitfire.

International helicopter teams

include the Army's Blue Eagles, Royal Navy Black Cats and The Sarangs of the Indian Air Force. The Apache helicopter is making a debut appearance.

The motoring village has more than 100 classic cars and the ground exhibition includes a fun-fair and 250 exhibitors.

Visit the show website for news and up-to-date information, including admission prices, at [www.airdisplaysint.co.uk](http://www.airdisplaysint.co.uk).



**CLOSE:** The Indian Air Force Sarang helicopter display team

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# Bill's Sgt Cryer backs arresting new talent

By JANE CONNOLLY

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TWO Kent actors hope to make a dramatic difference by bringing fresh writing talent to the stage.

The Churchill Theatre in Bromley offered new writers the chance to see their work brought to life through its playwrighting competition, *Metamorphosis 08*, and the two winning plays – one of which is set in the town – will be performed this month.

One of the productions will feature Bromley actor Eric Richard, who played Sgt Bob Cryer in *The Bill* for 17 years, and former Grange Hill star Adam Sopp, from West Wickham.

The pair will appear in (in parenthesis) by Ben Hales, a dark and surreal comedy which sees 21-year-old Mr Sopp's character hanging from the side of a mountain throughout the performance.

The story follows the thought processes of three climbers who fall and find themselves suspended in mid-air. As they ponder their uncertain fate, they begin to conjure up the ghosts of their real and imagined pasts.

As a local actor, Mr Sopp jumped at the chance to help bring new writing to the Churchill's stage.

"When I saw the job was at the Churchill, I was so excited," he said. "When I was growing up it always had Cats and Starlight Express and big tours coming in, but didn't do new writing."

Margate-born Mr Richard plays the husband of one of the climbers, as well as a "mystical" person from the past. It was the involvement of the Churchill's chief executive, producer and director Derek Nicholls, that piqued Mr Richard's interest.

"The attraction was that Derek was doing something in a regional theatre, rather than London," he said.

"You tend to think the only thing going on in theatre is musicals, but we have a great depth of writing talent in this country."



ON BOARD: Eric Richard, left, and Adam Sopp will be appearing in one of two new productions

"I just wanted to support such a great idea." The second play, *Overspill*, by Ali Taylor, is a high-energy poetic thriller that explores issues of youth crime and social exclusion. When a typical lads' night out in Bromley is interrupted by an explosion, the three protagonists find themselves under suspicion.

Some Kent theatres and arts centres have suffered funding cuts this year, but in 2007 the Arts Council England gave the Churchill a £77,000 grant to expand its annual playwrighting competition. For Mr Richard, the move towards supporting new writers is a welcome one.

"Who is going to write the TV dramas if writers don't start from the ground up?" he said. "We are still a literary culture. I don't think there is anything quite as exciting as live entertainment."

Mr Nicholls said *Metamorphosis 08* had revealed a surprising level of talent in the area.

"We are very excited about these two plays," he said. "We are proud of how they've developed into inspiring, theatrically adventurous works."

The double bill of *Overspill* and (in parenthesis) will run at the Churchill from Wednesday to Sunday, June 18-22.



FAIR COP: Eric Richard spent 17 years as Sgt Bob Cryer in *The Bill*

## Uni honour for Beeb's Sir John

THE journalist and former managing director of the BBC World Service, Sir John Tusa, will be among those receiving honorary degrees from the University of Kent next month.

The university will also award honorary degrees to journalist and author Simon Jenkins; Middle East correspondent for The Independent Robert Fisk; Professor Janet Thornton, director of the European Bioinformatics Institute; Professor Keith Gull, microbiologist; Robert Neame, president of Shepherd Neame; Dr John Williams, head of heritage conservation for Kent County Council; and Becky Parker, head of physics at Simon Langton Boys' School, Canterbury.

## Swinging back to the Roaring '40s

THE Hellfire Corner Association is celebrating Frontline Dover next weekend with a big band dance at Dover Town Hall.

The Jeff Short Swing Band and singers will be performing the music of Glenn Miller and other 1940s greats on Saturday, June 14, from 7.30pm.

The annual dance is under threat due to rising costs and this may be the last opportunity to enjoy it in an original and almost unchanged venue.

Tickets are £19.50, including buffet. To book, telephone 07972 194745. During the weekend there will be free public events in Pencester Gardens, including live entertainment on the bandstand.

## Dylan art tangled up in Bluewater

THE first-ever collection of limited edition graphics by American music legend Bob Dylan is going on display at Castle Galleries in Bluewater.

The collection, called *The Drawn Blank Series*, will be unveiled on Saturday, June 14, and is based on drawings and sketches made by the singer while on the road from 1989 to 1992.



BLUE DAY: David Cameron and his Westminster team met KCC cabinet members, including leader Cllr Paul Carter, at County Hall in Maidstone on Tuesday

## Cameron's team praises KCC

THE leader of Kent County Council says he was given a "strong round of applause" by the Tory shadow cabinet this week.

David Cameron and his Westminster colleagues held a shadow cabinet meeting at County Hall on Tuesday, followed by a 50-minute meeting with leader Cllr Paul Carter and the KCC cabinet.

Cllr Carter gave a 20-minute presentation during the meeting and said he got "very, very positive feedback".

The visit came in the week that KCC was given a maximum four-star rating by the Audit Commission.

Cllr Carter told Kent on Sunday: "They were amazingly impressed by the innovation and transformation [of the council] and the

way we deliver services.

"We talked about the transformation of secondary education, adult social care, where we really are at the cutting edge, the opportunity for a Conservative government to devolve and empower local government and how we can work together to reduce welfare dependency.

"National government needs to give us freedom, flexibility and some powers to work with the Department for Work and Pensions and Jobcentre Plus."

Cllr Carter said he did not raise the controversial issue of grammar schools during the meeting.

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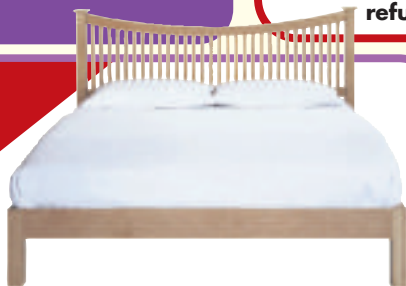
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# Aviation tax 'could hit Manston hard'

By **PHIL REILLY**

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THE future of Kent International Airport is under threat because of new aviation taxes, according to Conservatives in East Kent.

Laura Sandys, who will battle Labour vice-chairman Stephen Ladyman for his South Thanet seat at the next election, claimed freight flights at the Manston site would be hit hard.

The Government plans, which will be voted on this autumn, will see airport tax for passengers scrapped and replaced with a new tax on the aircraft themselves.

Ms Sandys said: "The Government's new aviation tax policy will threaten the future of Manston Airport with freight flights that represent 80 per cent of their current business moving across the Channel. This tax will hit Manston at a crucial moment in its development."

Roger Gale, the Tory MP for North Thanet, added that the new tax will have "very serious implications" for Manston.

Air travel is not the only form of transport in Kent facing difficulties, with fast-ferry operator SpeedFerries forced to raise the cost of its Channel crossings because of soaring fuel prices.

In a letter to its customers, chief executive officer, Curt Stavits, warned that all cross-Channel ferry operators will be forced to raise their prices significantly and, possibly, permanently.

He wrote: "The world has experienced yet another dramatic rise in the cost of fuel."

"The environmentally-friendly diesel used by us has been affected the most and we are now looking at a scenario whereby the price is more than twice that of last year."

"Although for some time SpeedFerries absorbed this increased cost, there is really no alternative but to pass on a proportion of this price to our customers."

"I expect the price level of all ferry crossings on the Channel, and everywhere else, to rise significantly and I fear this situation may very well be permanent."

However, a spokesman from ferry operator P&O Ferries said the rising cost of oil would not affect its prices.

He said: "Our business model is completely



different to that of SpeedFerries.

"They are like the easyJet of the sea – a low-cost operator which opts for speed. Because of how fast it travels, their ferry burns considerable amounts of fuel."

"The other problem is the fuel it uses is high performance and very expensive – it's like a sports car. SpeedFerries is very vulnerable to oil costs."

"Our biggest concern is how big we build our ferries. We have restaurants, shops and a club-class lounge for our customers to use if they wish – our ferries are very different to SpeedFerries."

Whereas P&O has the advantage of freight traffic averaging 70-80 trucks on each crossing, the fast Dover to Boulogne ferry is smaller and offers just a car service.

However, French ferry firm SeaFrance has also admitted to changes taking place.

A spokesperson told KOS Media: "We currently do have a fuel surcharge on coach bookings but not on our other tickets."

"This surcharge is because of the high cost of fuel."

**GROUNDING:** New government regulations on aviation tax mean the number of freight flights leaving Manston airport could fall dramatically, say the Conservatives

## County Hall admits covert surveillance

KENT County Council used secret surveillance powers 18 times last year on civilians suspected of breaking the law.

The powers, which include checking telephone records and covert surveillance, have largely been used by Kent Trading Standards to target rogue traders or people involved in counterfeiting.

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (2000) gives authorities the right to use certain methods to obtain information for the prevention of crime, particularly terrorism.

Details released to Kent on Sunday show the council has used the powers to survey warehouses suspected of selling counterfeit toys, to observe the loading and unloading of fake goods and to identify targets to intercept them.

They have also been used to observe a vehicle involved in cold-call tarmac work, the identification of a roadside car seller, someone in breach of a court order, and to establish the identity of fly-tippers.

KCC claims that although it is now this act that gives it such powers, it has had the right to carry out such surveillance for four decades.

Clive Bainbridge, KCC's director of community safety and regulatory services, said: "In the crackdown on illegal activities such as rogue trading, selling of counterfeit goods and those which scam people of vast amounts of money or pose a danger to them, we have sought to check telephone subscriber details, use covert surveillance and test purchasing to identify those breaking the law and seek to prosecute them. These practices are used only when necessary and are carried out under strictly regulated circumstances."

Freedom of Information Act requests by the Daily Mail newspaper found that 121 councils across the UK looked into the private data of 936 individuals last year.

## Valley gives quarter to new development

THE green light has been given for the first of several major developments in the Ebbsfleet Valley.

The 930-home development known as Station Quarter North is the first of nine housing projects in the area to be approved.

The land, which will form the majority of the area to be renamed Ebbsfleet, is located between Stanhope Road and Southfleet Road in Swanscombe, with the railway line to the north.

A spokeswoman for Land Securities, the developer behind the projects, was unable to give a figure for the cost of Station Quarter North but said the combined cost of all the developments is £3 billion.

In total, around 10,000 homes are planned for the valley. Once built, the other areas will be known as Western Cross, Alkerden, Castle Hill, Weldon, Washmills, Portland, Cressfield and Springhead Park.

As well as the homes, Station Quarter North will have a strong commercial focus, including a central piazza, mixed-use build-

ings with shopping and leisure facilities on the ground floors and office space above.

It consists of more than two million square feet of 'employment space', more than 600,000 square feet of retail, leisure and entertainment space, as well as areas for parks and open spaces.

Adam Cunningham, the company's development director, said: "In creating the master-plan for Station Quarter North we have strived to create a real sense of place, vibrancy and activity."

"Ebbsfleet Valley isn't just about new homes; this is an opportunity to encourage new businesses and retailers to the area and provide a number of locations where people can spend their leisure time in enhanced natural surroundings."

The next major development awaiting a planning decision is to the east of Station Quarter North, called Northfleet Rise.

A planning application has been submitted to Gravesham Borough Council and is currently under consideration.

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# Artist's ray of hope highlights man's impact

SPARKING a debate about the sustainability of fishing policies has been at the heart of a Thanet artist's latest project.

For the recent Margate Rocks contemporary arts festival, Stephen Melton, who works from the Meltdowns studios in Ramsgate, chose to focus on the plight of the thornback ray (raja clavata).

He said: "Over the last couple of years I've been fascinated by the marine ecology of the Thanet coast and local species of fish.

"I've been recreating these by casting them in bronze and for Margate

Rocks I wanted to pick one species that is not endangered off our coast but has been eradicated in many areas around Britain."

Although the species is not yet listed as endangered, it could be soon as research suggests numbers have decreased by more than 50 per cent throughout the UK, he said.

But the work also focuses on the contradictory nature and conflicting opinions surrounding conservation and environmental issues generally.

Mr Melton has created 200 posters (pictured, right) displaying an image of the thornback ray and quotes from

his research from sources including a Thanet fisherman and the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Agriculture Science.

They have been distributed to schools, libraries and other places of education as well as tackle shops, and fish and chips shops.

Mr Melton said his lectures during the festival last month proved so successful that he will also be performing at the Canterbury Festival in October.

He said: "Education is at the heart of good conservation. With the best will in the world, there are repercussions

which need to be acknowledged and overcome."

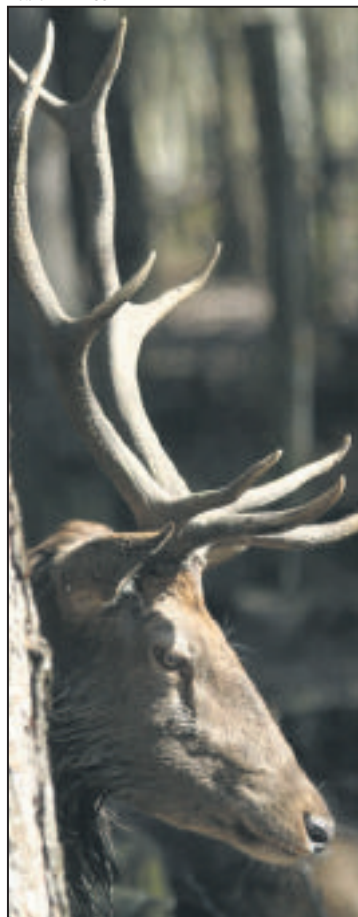
The thornback ray will also feature in Mr Melton's on-going project to create a "hypothetical museum of the 23rd century".

He said: "The idea is to highlight the route we could be going, which could see common species becoming extinct if more focus is not put on protecting natural environments.

"I've done a body of work, one of which was listing and documenting road-kill, highlighting the regrettable repercussions of our processes on the planet."



Picture: DAVE AUSTEN



**SHARP END:** Red deer such as this buck have now been protected by the vaccine

## Park targets deer in bluetongue blitz

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**VETS** at a Kent wild animal park have begun vaccinating their deer against the bluetongue virus.

Wildwood Trust, based near Canterbury, said the measure was taken as part of a government programme to stop the spread of the disease in the South East.

Red, fallow and roe deer were vaccinated by the charity's vet using an air-powered dart gun.

"We normally try to do this type of thing when the park is closed," said Paul Wirdnam, the head keeper.

"But with so many animals we had to do some vaccinations with visitors watching. Once we explained what we were doing we attracted quite a crowd."

Bluetongue is a non-contagious virus – which does not affect humans – spread by midges and is most common in the late summer and autumn.

Cattle, goats and deer are susceptible to the virus but the symptoms are most severe in sheep.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) said up to 70 per cent of a flock can die from the virus if it infects certain breeds of sheep.

Defra ordered large volumes of the vaccine in a bid to stave off big outbreaks of the

disease this summer. Kent was one of the counties first in line for the vaccine after enduring outbreaks of the virus last year.

In April, the National Farmers' Union (NFU) in the South East sent out 30,000 postcards and thousands of posters urging livestock keepers to order the vaccine.

Howard Bates, chairman of the NFU's South East livestock board, said the vacci-

nation programme had gone better than expected. "I would say almost what we expected has been completed. We are ahead of schedule now," he said.

"The vaccine will have a major effect on our preparations and now that the area has been blanketed we are hoping not to see any outbreaks."

Mr Bates, who owns a sheep farm at Fairfield, on Romney Marsh, urged farmers who had still not vaccinated their livestock to do so as quickly as possible.

He said: "Some people just don't listen. But I am glad we went down the voluntary route rather than compulsory because with all the checks and balances we would not be in the situation we are now with such blanket coverage."

Kent is currently inside a protection zone that restricts movement of livestock.

The restriction was put in place after outbreaks in neighbouring counties, as well as several cases within the county, including at farms near Ashford and Sevenoaks last year.

Symptoms of bluetongue include high fever, excessive saliva, swelling of the head and neck, lameness and sometimes discolouration of the tongue.

Animals that do survive can be left with lasting damage, such as a reduction in meat and wool production.

According to a 2006 agricultural census, Kent has 1,124 sheep or cattle farms.



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# MPs join protest against increase in crossing price

By **PHIL REILLY**

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TWO Kent MPs have taken the Government to task over a proposed price hike at the Dartford river crossing.

Both Adam Holloway, Tory MP for Gravesham, and Julian Brazier, his Canterbury counterpart, attacked the plan during a House of Commons debate this week.

The rise in the fee from £1 to £1.50 to enter or leave Kent on the M25 follows an 18-month public consultation into the future of charging and is expected to be introduced in the autumn.

This is despite the original cost of building the two tunnels under the River Thames and the QE2 Bridge over it having been met in 2002 – with the legal authority to charge a toll expiring in April, 2003.

More than 5,500 people have also signed up to a petition on the 10 Downing Street website calling for the toll to be scrapped completely.

Mr Holloway told transport minister Rosie Winterton that delays at peak times at the crossings were “considerably longer” than the Government believes.

He said: “That comfortable picture does not reflect what is a daily reality for thousands.

“I wonder when the minister will do something to alleviate the daily misery and cost incurred by millions of people who spend, I would guess,



**QUEUES:** Campaigners blame the toll booths for the regular tailbacks

hundreds of thousands of hours each year sitting in traffic jams because of the tolls.”

Mrs Winterton responded that without the tolls congestion at peak times would be “even worse” and said the long-term answer could be to build a new crossing.

Mr Brazier followed up by insisting the Thames Gateway regeneration will lead to a large increase in lorries using the crossing.

A DfT spokesman said any suggestion of scrapping the charge would be counterproductive and compromises were already in place.

He said: “We recognise traffic levels are bad but we are taking steps to try and reduce congestion through the Dart Tag scheme and dropping charges at night.

“Our modelling shows that at peak times the bridge and tunnels can be overwhelmed so the fee is intended more as a congestion charge, which is then lifted at quieter times.”

The department says congestion levels would rise if the ‘user fee’ for the bridge and tunnels were scrapped and it is keeping the original £1 charge for those drivers using its pre-paid Dart Tag system.

However, the online petition claims that removing the toll booths would significantly reduce the amount of traffic queuing on either side of the river.

It also argues that exhaust fumes generated by waiting cars cause unnecessary environmental damage and the delays add extra expense to and transport costs.

## School loses single sex status appeal

PARENTS, pupils, teachers and governors at a Kent special school have lost their fight to keep its girls-only status.

Broomhill Bank School, in Tunbridge Wells, currently caters for girls aged eight to 19 with moderate learning difficulties.

But supporters of the school have been locked in a long-running battle with Kent County Council over its plans to re-designate it as a co-educational day school for five to 19-year-olds with communication and interaction needs, which includes autistic spectrum disorders.

After so much public objection to the proposals the decision was passed to the independent schools adjudicator.

This week Alan Parker, the adjudicator, ruled in favour of the authority's proposals. However, he acknowledged the protesters had “legitimate concerns” that needed to be addressed.

Although residential provision would be removed formally, the school would retain its facilities,

which would be used by current and future pupils, Mr Parker said.

He added that existing pupils would remain at the school in an all-girls environment and boys would not be admitted until September, 2009.

Mark Holder, chairman of the governors, said: “We regret the loss of single-sex provision and believe the decision to appeal was justified. We are now working with KCC to plan the next steps.”

KCC re-designated its 23 special schools after a review in 2003, with 11 now only catering for children with profound, severe and complex needs.

KOS Media has run a series of articles after parents expressed concern that more children with SEN were left struggling to cope in mainstream schools.

KCC welcomed Mr Parker's decision, Cllr Mark Dance, cabinet member for education, added: “I have the utmost respect for those who were against the changes and fully appreciated their reasoning.”



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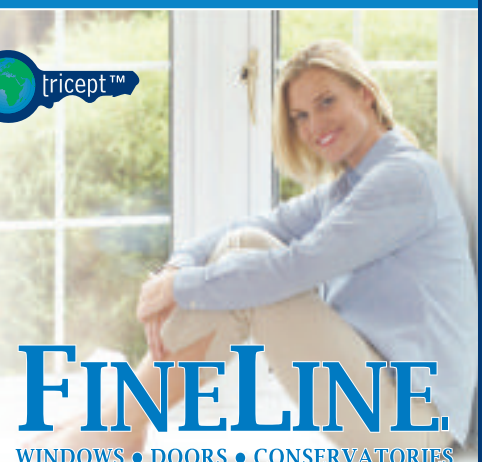
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AWARD-WINNER: Broadstairs' Stone Bay

# Seaside towns fly the Blue Flag for beautiful beaches

THANET is officially the best when it comes to Britain by the seaside after it won an eighth of all the Blue Flags awarded to UK beaches.

A total of 82 beaches around the country have been given the prestigious award, with 10 of those on the Isle.

The awards are only given to the top coastal destinations which have achieved the highest quality in water, facilities, safety, environmental education and management.

For the first time Joss Bay in Broadstairs, famous for its surf, has achieved the accolade. Ramsgate Main Sands has received its first

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Blue Flag since 2004, while Walpole Bay in Margate also receives an award for the first time in two years.

Other beaches awarded were Botany Bay and Stone Bay in Broadstairs, Margate Main Sands, Minnis Bay in Birchington, St Mildred's Bay and West Bay in Westgate, and Westbrook Bay, near Margate.

Thanet councillor Roger Latchford said: "We were obviously delighted with our success in achieving so many Blue Flags for Thanet's

beautiful beaches, but to discover that we hold one eighth of all the Blue Flags awarded throughout the country is even better news.

"We've been praised by Keep Britain Tidy, who administer the Blue Flag scheme, for the best performance anywhere in a decade and that's a measure of the success we've had in providing superb beach facilities.

"Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs are names that everyone will be hearing about as having some of Britain's best beaches and that's a superb boost for our tourism industry."

The other beaches in Kent which have received the coveted award are Tankerton and Herne Bay.

## Cash boost for booze busters

PROJECTS aimed at preventing young people in Kent abusing drugs and alcohol have received a £300,000 boost from the NHS.

The Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT) will use the extra funding to put more money into discouraging excessive drinking and informing young people about the dangers of drugs.

Kent County Council's alcohol misuse select committee looked at the consequences of young people binge drinking and the damaging effects it can have on their own lives, their families and the wider community.

Cllr Mike Hill, KCC's member for community services, said: "The recent KCC report has provided an excellent basis on which to

build on and pioneer our responses to the alcohol problem. This programme will be launched in July and with the increased funding, there will be a range of activities to work with families and communities."

The announcement comes as the Government unveiled its youth alcohol action plan, which includes giving parents guidelines on how much alcohol their children can drink safely, a crackdown on selling booze to under-18s and an aim to reduce young people drinking in public.

The plans have been criticised by the Tories and Lib Dems parties who said introducing new laws was not the answer to the problem.

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# 'Regeneration will motor on'

## Economic climate will not slow down Thames Gateway plans, says ex-boss

By **PHIL REILLY**

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THE former head of the £9 billion Thames Gateway project has said it will "motor on" despite fears the credit crunch could affect its investors.

Speaking to KOS Media, the new chief executive of regeneration body Ashford's Future, Judith Armitt, said "long-established" projects such as the Thames Gateway and Ashford should withstand the economic downturn.

Mrs Armitt was sacked as the Thames Gateway's chief executive in December after little over a year in the job. Her new role puts her at the helm of Ashford's 30-year regeneration plans.

Her dismissal followed a report by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee that described the project's management as "weak".

It also warned that unless serious changes happened, "it will remain a series of disjointed projects and is unlikely to achieve its full potential".

### Progress

The Thames Gateway plans involve 160,000 houses being built by 2016 in an area stretching 40 miles eastwards from Canary Wharf to the mouth of the Thames Estuary, taking in Dartford, Gravesham, Medway and Swale. It also aims to create 225,000 jobs.

Mrs Armitt, who is also a former chief executive of Medway Council, said she expected both the Thames Gateway and Ashford to continue to progress while some other regeneration projects could be hit by the credit crunch.

She said: "I think we will have to wait and see what happens in terms of all growth areas, whether all those [areas] identified for growth will all take off immediately."

"Those that are well-established, like Ashford and the Thames Gateway, will continue to motor on. They are not in competition with each other."

She said she was unable to speak about her dismissal, but insisted the ambi-



**NEW ROLE:** Judith Armitt, sacked from the Thames Gateway project last year, is the new head of Ashford's Future

tious Thames Gateway plans were still achievable.

She said: "It's a very big project but it is a do-able project, given the right resources and the right leadership."

Speaking about Ashford, which could double in size over the next 30 years, Mrs Armitt insisted the future was bright.

She said the high-speed rail line, due to open next year, would make a "fundamental difference" to the town and insisted important work to improve its infrastructure was already going ahead.

"We have been talking about it for ages, but it is only next year now. I think people underestimate how much difference it will make. It gives opportunities not just for work but for investment in Ashford and around the county."

She also said it was not "terrifically likely" that Eurostar would withdraw more train services from Ashford International and said that as the town expands she expects to see more services to Continent stopping in the town.



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## Dickens extravaganza

THOUSANDS of visitors flocked to Rochester at the weekend for the 30th annual Dickens Festival.

Tourists were treated to a variety of performances, displays and activities to mark the occasion, ranging from plays and children's readings to a yard-of-ale competition and Mr Rochester contest.

Dickens' most-cherished literary characters such as Scrooge, Miss Havisham and Mr

Pickwick paraded through the High Street each day, joined by dozens of elaborately-dressed Victorian lords and ladies and marching bands.

Children were kept entertained by a traditional funfair in Rochester Castle Gardens, as well as workshops and games.

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## Laura voices concern

A CAMPAIGNER from Kent joined leading figures from the world of infection control and prevention for a national seminar in Westminster.

Laura Probert, from Ramsgate, joined the National Concern for Healthcare Infections (NCHI), a campaign group which works to raise awareness of superbugs,

after her mother died from Clostridium difficile at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

She said: "I concentrated on hand hygiene and referred to KOS Media's campaign and expressed concern at the disbandment of the Public Patient Involvement Forums."

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# 'We can wipe out killer superbugs'

By JENNA PUDELEK

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THE chief executive of the health service in the South East is confident a pledge to eliminate hospital-acquired infections by 2018 will be met.

Promises to end patients becoming infected with Clostridium difficile and MRSA in hospitals were unveiled as the strategic health authority for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, the NHS South East Coast, launched its 10-year vision for the region on Monday.

The document, Healthier People, Excellent Care, was published as part of health minister Lord Darzi's review of the NHS, and superbug targets include ensuring there are no "avoidable" infections of hospital-acquired MRSA and fewer than 2,000 cases of C diff by 2011.

Candy Morris, the authority's chief executive, told KOS Media: "I have to say we are already well on our way to that [the 2011 target]."

"There have been significant reductions – nearly 50 per cent over the last three years – and the rates have gone down considerably, especially in Kent for C diff."

She said targets would be met because all the hospital trusts and primary care trusts had put programmes in place to monitor compliance with hand-hygiene regula-



CANDY MORRIS

tions, pharmacists had come up with prescribing policies to control the amount of antibiotics, and techniques were in place so equipment is cleaned properly.

Mrs Morris said: "Most hospitals have started screening planned admissions and if they have MRSA on their skin. In Dartford, three years ahead of time, they have started screening all emergency admissions, which is why we are confident – although it is an ambitious pledge."

The vision follows a national consultation and patients, members of the public and health workers from across Kent, Surrey and Sussex met Lord Darzi via video link.

KOS Media asked Mrs Morris whether she thought the superbug scandal at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's hospitals had an impact on the region's priorities. "I expect you're right," she said. "Up and down the country people have said cleanliness and safety are really important, but here there



will have been a special focus. That is why we felt it was important to make a pledge further than the rest of the country. National policy is to reduce C diff by 23 per cent. Our target is 55 per cent."

Other pledges include treating all stroke, heart attack and major injury patients in specialist centres.

Mrs Morris said these would be "centres of excellence" in existing hospitals and that the PCTs had already been working on plans, which would be announced soon.

People will be able to have medical tests to diagnose and manage illnesses at home, through extended 'telehealth' schemes already available in parts of Kent.

Mrs Morris added: "Increasingly people will see pharmacists able to provide diagnostic tests and helping patients manage their health."

The vision is the focus of consultation until September 15. For more information visit [www.southeast-coast.nhs.uk/hpec](http://www.southeast-coast.nhs.uk/hpec) or call 01293 778 845.

## Start them young, urges reader

HEALTH and education bosses should be focusing on hand hygiene in schools, a KOS Media reader has said.

Barrie Peters, who lives in Aylesford, expressed concern after his eight-year-old granddaughter said they used "disgusting" bars of soap at her school.

In a letter, after reading about KOS Media's campaign, he said: "She said the soap was covered in hairs with bits of grit and dirt on it, as it was regularly dropped on the floor. Plus the boys tended to use the soap as a football. I thought in this modern age schools would be using liquid soap dispensers."

"If you want to promote hand hygiene, I would suggest a mutual policy is drawn up between the PCT[s] and

KCC laying out the proper equipment in school toilets."

Liz McAvan, West Kent PCT's healthy school co-ordinator, said children were taught about hand hygiene as part of their Personal Social and Health Education.

She said: "Your reader's granddaughter should raise the issue with her school council and see how creative the young people can be in their own campaign."

Cllr Graham Gibbens, KCC's cabinet member for public health, said the Kent Health Protection Unit had issued guidance to schools and nurseries on hygiene.



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# Parents' anguish one year after loss of son

THE parents of man killed by a hit-and-run driver have marked the first anniversary of his death with an emotional plea for help in tracing the motorist.

Neil Martin, 43, was crossing Old Road West, Gravesend, on Thursday, May 31, 2007, between 7.20pm and 7.30pm when a silver Ford Escort which was parked in the road, reversed into him.

The car hit Mr Martin and continued to drag him backwards until a passer-by starting banging on the car's window to make the driver aware of the collision.

The motorist then sped off towards Pelham Road and Perry Street. He has never been caught. Mr Martin, from Gravesend, was taken to St George's Hospital in Tooting but lost his fight for life a week later, on June 7.

His mother, Joan Martin, said: "Although we lost Neil a year ago, we still feel our grief acutely and that pain has not eased with time. We need to find out what happened that evening so we can get some peace of mind."

"If anyone has any information that would help the police, please come forward and help us get closure on this tragic loss of our wonderful son."

The driver is an Asian male, in his late 20s or early 30s. The car is believed to be a silver



RUN OVER: Neil Martin

Ford Escort and police are keen to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or seen the car drive off.

They also want to hear from anyone who may have seen the car parked in the area around Old Road West between Pelham Road and Cecil Road on or near the day of the collision.

Det Sgt Tom Duff said: "We are appealing for the driver, or anyone who knows who he is, to come forward. The driver may have been genuinely unaware of exactly what had happened. Alternatively, he may have panicked and driven off without realising how serious Mr Martin's injuries were."

"Neil's parents need answers to what happened and we hope someone out there will have the courage to tell us."

Call the investigation team at North Kent police station on 01474 366082, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



STILL GRIEVING: Ron and Joan Martin's pain at the loss of their son has not eased

## A taste for Kent's past

DO YOU know how to cook huffkins, hop-pickers' pie, cherry batter pudding, lamb and apple pie or Kentish well pudding?

The organisers of a food festival are looking for help from anyone who can recreate the flavours of the Kentish kitchen from times gone by.

"The Cranbrook and Tenterden Food and Drink Festival is all about showing people the range of wonderful food and drink that is produced locally," said festival co-ordinator Adrian Westwood.

"We are looking to publish a booklet of traditional Kentish and Wealden recipes so people can have a go at using local produce to create tasty traditional dishes."

"As well as the recipes themselves, if anyone has old photographs of local people or families cooking or preparing food, working in a market garden or brewing local ales and ciders, please send them in as we might use them to illustrate the booklet."

The festival runs from Friday, October 31, to Sunday, November 2, and is being organised and funded by the Cranbrook Tourism Forum and the Tenterden Improved Project.

This year's festival sees the return of the Young Masterchef competition where pupils from schools in Cranbrook, Tenterden and the surrounding area will compete to produce the best meal created from local produce.

A panel of three food experts will judge the competition at Angley School, Cranbrook.

An Apple Fayre will be held in Cranbrook on Saturday, November 1.

There will also be a local produce fair on Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1.

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# Great Britain's cartoon culture



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## Free exhibition's satirical look at our heritage

THE history of modern British culture is being told in a new exhibition – in cartoon form.

The University of Kent holds Europe's largest collection of satirical cartoons from newspapers and magazines, a selection of which are on display in Canterbury's Beane Institute.

The title of the exhibition is Cultured Cartooned and it aims to show how the UK's culture has been lampooned by artists since the late 1800s.

It includes original artworks and copies of published cartoons taking a light-hearted look at everything from the opera to the Olympics.

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Among the artists on display will be Giles, Emmwood and Arthur Horner, WK Hasselden, Keith Waite, Reg Smyth, Mel Calman and David Austin.

Dr Nicholas Hiley, the head of the university's cartoon archive, said some of the artists would have winced at the thought of being exhibited.

He told KOS Media: "One of the risks of an exhibition like this is that it pokes fun at the pretensions of the cultured, it may feel as though it undermines the whole exercise."

"Certainly a lot of British cartoonists have always had an ironic, detached view of the world. Some cartoonists don't like to be thought of as artists or even satirists, but journalists."

"Some probably wouldn't like the idea of taking their original drawing and putting it in a frame and exhibiting it. I hope no-one's offended by it."

Dr Hiley said he hoped the exhibition would show the British have always viewed popular or high culture with a "certain irreverence".

He said: "I think it brings out a lot of themes over the past 100 years. Some ideas and attitudes that we think are quite new really aren't."

"There was a lot of wry mocking of modern art all the way back to the 1920s and 30s."

"When I saw the final collection hung I just laughed out loud. A lot of my work is quite bureaucratic, so to see them in this way was really enjoyable."

Dr Hiley said he was "not allowed" to have a favourite artist, but he did have a favourite cartoon. It's from the 1910s and is about the emotion in opera (pictured top left).

"Some wonderfully spoofed operatic characters are shown conveying different emotions, but they are striking exactly the same poses for each one."

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# Oil guardian hosts Arabian encounter

A WARSHIP with close links to Kent hosted a meeting between the heads of Arab navies, *writes Jamie McGinnes.*

HMS Chatham, which is affiliated with the Medway town, polices the North Arabian Gulf and Iraqi territorial waters, guarding the flow of oil from Iraq.

The frigate continuously patrols 3,000m exclusion zones around Iraq's Khawr Al Amaya and Al Basra oil terminals.

HMS Chatham is the flagship of a coalition flotilla, commanded by the Royal Navy's Commodore Duncan Potts, that on any one day consists of at least two frigates or destroyers, as well as patrol boats, helicopters and a support ship.

This week, the navy revealed HMS Chatham was the venue for a meeting between the Iraqi and Kuwaiti navies and coastguard, aimed at improving relations and security in the region.

It was the first meeting between the Iraqi and Kuwaiti navies since 1991, when the first Gulf War ended.

Commodore Potts said: "I think warm relationships were established and we were also able to start to put in place some confidence-building measures for the Kuwaiti Navy, coastguard and Iraqi Navy to



FLAGSHIP: HMS Chatham patrols the areas around Iraqi oil platforms

use in their waters. All this must be good for regional security and stability."

As well as protecting the flow of oil, the crew of HMS Chatham is helping train Iraqi sailors and marines so Iraq can eventually take responsibility for its oil platforms.

A navy spokesman said: "This enduring commitment is making good progress, with Iraqi forces now having responsibility for the defence of some aspects of both terminals."

Iraqi sailors and marines are already involved in boarding tankers as part of security checks.

During a visit to Khawr Al Amaya oil terminal in April, Admiral Jawad, head of the Iraqi Navy, thanked coalition forces.

"Maybe we won't remember each man after three or four years, but we will remember your countries – when you helped my country during this critical time," he said.

More unusual visitors to the platforms and ships have been thousands of migratory birds, making a pit stop before continuing north to their breeding grounds.

Besides the scientific interest, with 70 species recorded, many sailors found themselves as impromptu perches, as birds settled on hands, heads, and feet after the arduous flight across the Gulf.



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## Trafalgar tribute for Sir Keith

THE Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, has announced plans to put up a statue of Sir Keith Park on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square in 2010 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

A campaign has been running to formally commemorate the New Zealander who was responsible for the fighter defence of London and the South East dur-

ing the 1940 confrontation.

The only tribute currently is a road named after him near Biggin Hill Airport and one at Uxbridge where he was based.

Terry Smith, the campaign leader and chief executive of a City broking firm who has said he will pay the £100,000 cost of the statue, said: "There could be no more fitting time to commemorate Park's leadership."

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The Conservative leader holds his shadow cabinet meeting at County Hall before

# Cameron's campaign to colour Kent blue



Picture: KNP

By **PHIL REILLY**

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TORY leader David Cameron has said he hopes to turn the whole of Kent blue at the next election.

Speaking to KOS Media during a whistlestop visit to Gillingham on Tuesday, Mr Cameron said that for a party to win a general election it must take the marginal seats of Kent.

In May, the Conservatives released a list of 103 vulnerable marginals, including eight Labour-held constituencies in Kent.

All have smaller majorities than the one overturned by the Tories in the recent Crewe and Nantwich by-election. The only Labour seat not on the list was Erith and Thamesmead, where John Austin has an

11,500 majority. This too would be lost if the by-election swing was repeated at an election.

Mr Cameron was speaking after an appearance at the Sunlight Trust community centre where he and Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark launched a green paper on social enterprise.

Earlier in the day, he held a meeting of the Tory shadow cabinet at County Hall in Maidstone before sending his front bench team to towns across the South East.

Mr Cameron insisted Tuesday's "blitz on Kent" was not the start of a prolonged election campaign.

Asked if he thought the party could win all the county's seats at the next election, he responded: "I hope so."

He added: "It shows what an important county Kent is - it is hugely important to our economy. If you can't win the marginal seats

of Kent you can't form the Government. I know how hard we have to work here.

"We want to win more seats in Kent. We control Kent and Medway councils, we won Maidstone in May.

"I want us to make sure we work for the people of Kent so we can bring the changes this country needs."

He also singled out Kent County Council for praise, having been introduced to the cabinet's members while at County Hall.

He said: "Politicians spend too much time in Westminster, that's why I got my shadow cabinet here to meet with KCC and to send them around the county to visit businesses and voluntary groups.

"I thought, let's listen to KCC and then get out into Kent and Medway, seeing what happens and what is needed."

## KENT'S LABOUR MARGINALS \*Seat/MP/Majority

DOVER - Gwyn Prosser - 4,941

ELTHAM - Clive Efford - 3,276

CHATHAM &amp; AYLESFORD - Jonathan Shaw - 2,332

DARTFORD - Dr Howard Stoate - 706

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# sending his troops into key Kent marginals that could decide the next election

## 'Big hitters' are ready for battle

THEY may not have said so explicitly, but the Conservative campaign for Kent started in earnest this week.

After holding a shadow cabinet meeting in Maidstone on Tuesday David Cameron ordered his front-bench troops to fan out across the county.

The next general election may be as far as two years away, but the Tories are under no illusions that the county's marginal seats will be key to their chances of victory.

While Mr Cameron headed to Gillingham's Sunlight Centre with Greg Clark, the Tunbridge Wells MP and shadow minister for charities, voluntary bodies and social enterprise, in tow, his big hitters headed to vulnerable Labour seats.

Shadow chancellor George Osborne went to pharmaceutical firm Pfizer's Sandwich headquarters, in Stephen Ladyman's South Thanet constituency and very close to Gwyn Prosser's Dover and Deal seat.

Both have relatively fragile Labour majorities, 664 and 4,941 respectively, and both Tory candidates, Laura Sandys and Charlie Elphicke, were along for the ride.

Mr Osborne said: "I was delighted to visit Pfizer, an incredibly important employer in East Kent, and to talk about their groundbreaking work. South Thanet and Dover are very important seats. It is great to be here, so I can meet and talk to people about the issues they are fac-



**CLOSE UP:** David Cameron meets young mums after his speech at the Sunlight Centre. Inset: Shadow chancellor George Osborne

ing and what they'd like to see from a Conservative government."

Theresa May, the shadow leader of the Commons, visited the Arrow Riding for the Disabled centre at Darenth in Dartford. Alan Duncan, the shadow secretary for business, visited the Thames Gateway Chamber of Commerce in Rochester. Nick Herbert, the shadow justice secretary, made his way to HMP Maidstone, while party chairman Caroline Spelman was not far away at Gatland Park.

Mr Clark said the county would be "tightly contested" at the next election.

He said: "Kent is always a battleground. It is important, but not just for marginal seats. It is a microcosm of the country. It is crucial to the economy, it has all sorts of people and areas of affluence and deprivation."

Picture: GARETH FULLER/PA WIRE

## MP Clark helps boss launch green paper

TUNBRIDGE Wells MP Greg Clark joined David Cameron to launch a new green paper on social enterprise this week.

The pair were at the Sunlight Centre in Gillingham on Tuesday for the launch of A Stronger Society: Voluntary Action in the 21st Century.

The document looks at ways to cut bureaucracy for charities and social enterprises and to allow them to compete with the private sector.

Announcing the green paper, Mr Cameron said: "The modern Conservative party stands for a simple principle when it comes to social reform and the role of

the state: that there is such a thing as society; it's just not the same things as the state.

"We want to see a transformation in the role of community groups, social enterprises and the voluntary sector in helping to build a stronger society for all of us.

"Some of our critics on the left say that this is naive or impossible.

"They cannot imagine a world without the shackles of top-down state directives and targets, a world where the state does less and society does more. Well, this policy green paper answers those critics."



MICHAEL GOVE MP

## Learning in the driving seat

THE shadow schools secretary was at the launch of a scheme that gives an educational boost to unmotivated children in Chatham.

Michael Gove was full of praise for the Playing for Success initiative at Buckmore Park – the karting circuit where Formula One ace Lewis Hamilton was discovered – which joins four other Kent venues in the scheme.

The MP for Surrey Heath said: "It is a fantastic initiative and takes children as young

as eight who need special help to see education in a practical way and see how the sorts of skills they learn in lessons benefit them as they grow up."

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Apart from the benefit to your pocket, car sharing helps to reduce the miles travelled on Kent's roads, which reduces congestion and helps the environment by reducing CO2 emissions.

Kentcarshare scheme is operated via a website and you can register for free at [www.kent.gov.uk/carshare](http://www.kent.gov.uk/carshare) where you'll find other local people doing the same journeys whether it's for commuting, shopping or leisure purposes.

And, if you need another good reason to join, we're giving away ten tickets to the Hop Farm Music Festival on 6 July. Tickets are normally £49.50 but ten can be won just by joining the Kentcarshare scheme before National Liftshare Day, or by setting up a 'Budi' car-sharing group before the 9 June. Full details of the competition and festival are available at [www.hopfarmfestival.com](http://www.hopfarmfestival.com)



## Thousands of potholes blitzed in April

During the month of April, Kent Highway Services carried out an intensive campaign to tackle the potholes on Kent's roads. A wet summer, followed by a wet winter last year, meant that the county's roads took a pounding and we listened when you told us that repairing them was a priority issue.

In response, we allocated more crews to the task of fixing potholes and we asked you to help us by getting in touch and telling us where they were.

We had an excellent response, which helped us to repair more than 11,300 potholes - well over 1,000 more than we estimated we would fix.

Most of the repairs were carried out as a result of reports from residents and our Highway Inspectors, and the rest were done by highway crews repairing unreported potholes on their own initiative.

However, the end of the intensive campaign doesn't mean that work stops or that we'll be resting on our laurels and we still need your help. We look after one of the largest road networks in Britain but we can't be everywhere, so thank you for your help and please keep helping us to spot the potholes.

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## M20, Proposed Junction 10A

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## Travel Update

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Maidstone	Start	Finish	Road	Reason
	9.6.08	9.6.08	A274 Sutton Road, Maidstone	Road closure - carriageway works
Thanet	Start	Finish	Road	Reason
	9.6.08	15.6.08	Albion Street, Broadstairs	Road closure - new gas mains
Canterbury	Start	Finish	Road	Reason
	9.6.08	20.6.08	Broad Oak Road, Canterbury	Temporary traffic lights - new energy supply
Sevenoaks	Start	Finish	Road	Reason
	9.6.08	4.7.08	Well Hill, Shoreham	Road closure - new energy supply
Dartford	Start	Finish	Road	Reason
	9.6.08	26.7.08	Green Street, Darenth	Temporary traffic lights - carriageway works

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# Exhibition marks a century of women and Freemasonry

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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AT THE end of the 19th century, as suffragettes fought for full civic and legal rights, a group of women decided they wanted the right to join the rigidly all-male fraternity of the Freemasons.

That was 100 years ago, and what started with the creation of a Masonic lodge for men and women, turned into an all-female organisation which now has an estimated 20,000 'brethren' in Britain.

Now, the staunchly men-only United Grand Lodge of England has allowed its female counterparts to hold an exhibition at its London headquarters to celebrate the centenary of women and Freemasonry.

The exhibition charts the development of the women's movement with historical documents and objects on display.



**CELEBRATION:** Pendant commemorates a century of female freemasonry

Dr Iris Oktabcova, a past deputy grand master who lives in Whitstable, has designed a pendant for the exhibition in the Masonic colour of pale blue, with three pillars representing wisdom, strength and beauty.

She said: "It is a milestone - we've been going for 100 years. We feel gratified the United Grand Lodge is hosting this."

"I joined in my early 20s mainly because my father and grandfather were Freemasons. I suppose it was curiosity."

Asked what she has gained from being part of the fraternity, she said: "It is a place, where you can go to be relaxed and shut out the outside world after a stressful day."

Freemasonry, based on belief in a spiritual being, to the uninitiated conjures up images of secret handshakes and arcane rituals, which is true to a certain extent.

"The outside world is very concerned with secrets," said Dr Oktabcova. "It's not a secret society because everyone knows if you are a Freemason and everyone can join, but it does have secret rituals."

"Everyone comes into it totally ignorant. They start at the bottom and progress according to the time and interest they have available."

"You cannot disclose secrets because the whole essence is spiritual and impossible to communicate to someone not in the order."

She added that Freemasons do a great deal of charitable work and explained the three cornerstones of Masonry - brotherly love, relief and truth.

In the UK it officially began when suffragettes Annie Besant and Francesca Arundale broke down the barriers of the brotherhood.

But, Diane Clements, director of the Library and Museum of Freemasonry, said: "There were mixed lodges in France in the second half of the 18th century."

"Members of the Royal family and most famously Napoleon's [first] wife, Joséphine, were members. But it was a different movement by the end of the 19th century and really more to do with women's rights."

The free exhibition is being held at the museum in Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, until December 19.



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Dr Iris Monica Oktabcova (right), past deputy grand master of The Order of Women Freemasons, and daughter Zuzanka Penn, assistant grand master

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It is the first time parents have had to register their child to sit the 11-plus and forms must be submitted before the July 11 deadline.

Cllr Mark Dance, KCC's cabinet member for education, said: "As this is the first time parents have had to register their child

for the Kent Test, I'm expecting take-up to be higher and we're expecting to handle more than 25,000 test papers.

"The registration forms have been sent to all Kent primary schools and they are really user-friendly."

Tests will take place on September 18 and 19 and the results will be available on October 21.

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# Four-star KCC 'the best'

By **PHIL REILLY**

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KENT County Council has been rated an "excellent authority" by the Audit Commission – making it the best in the country.

For the second year running the authority earned a maximum four-star rating.

It was praised for its strong performance and clear ambitions, the quality of staff and councillors, its ability to attract and generate money and its work tackling deprivation and improving employment skills.

The report also praised KCC's record of delivering schemes such as the Kent Success apprenticeships, the Freedom Pass, and targeted skills development for 14 to 16-year-olds.

School standards watchdog Ofsted also published two reports on Kent this week: the Joint Area Review and Kent Youth Service's enhanced inspection.

## Dedication

Both were also given outstanding ratings. Tory council leader Paul Carter said: "It is the result of hard work and dedication by our 45,000 staff delivering excellent services in Kent."

"I am particularly pleased because this year the inspection regime was much harder. We are on a continual journey of improvement. There is still work to be done in improving the quality of life and opportunities for people in Kent."

The only other county council to be awarded the maximum four stars was Hampshire.

But County Hall's Labour group insisted the report was "not as good as they'd have us believe".

They pointed out that while the council retained the maximum four-out-of-four scores for ambition and prioritisation, it dropped from four to three for performance management and capacity.

Dr Mike Eddy, Labour's opposition leader, praised the authority's staff but insisted the Audit Commission had "sent a very

## 'Excellent' authority earns top marks from audit inspection

clear message that there are things KCC could do a lot better".

He said: "We've always known KCC never found it difficult to be ambitious. But we've always said that it should listen more to other people's ambitions and the Audit Commission has backed us up by saying that KCC should adopt a more inclusive and listening approach."

"We've always said KCC's Conservative leadership is happy to take the credit for other people's achievements, from government depart-

ments down to small voluntary groups. And again, the Audit Commission agrees."

"We've previously picked up on areas where KCC is weak – equalities practice; environmental issues such as recycling, waste volumes, and air quality; handling complaints about its own performance. And again the commission agreed that the council needs to deliver improvements on these issues."

An Audit Commission report into Medway's housing services was not so positive.

The council's services were described as poor, which was reflected in a zero out of three star rating. Services that were covered by the inspection included homelessness and housing advice, private-sector housing and work to deliver new affordable housing.

The inspection identified a number of significant weaknesses in the approach to strategic housing, including limited work to tackle poor housing conditions in the private sector, a lack of clear, up-to-date housing strategies and low levels of customer satisfaction with the homelessness service.

However, the council is delivering comparatively high levels of good quality, affordable new homes.



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## Zoo festival needs bar volunteers

FESTIVAL organisers have called for volunteers from Kent to come forward and help with the busy bars at Zoo Thousand and Eight.

Workers will be given free entry to the festival – at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, near Hythe, with acts including Dizzee Rascal, The Cribbs and Gallows – in exchange for a pair of six-to-eight hour shifts.

Matt Dice, the festival's director, said: "You always need a lot of help to put on events of this size and as a Kent festival we really want to get Kent people involved."

"I'm sure everyone is going to want to say they were at the first-ever Zoo Thousand and Eight and by signing up to the festival volunteer site they will get the opportunity."

Volunteers will also get a meal and two free drinks from the bar after their shift.

Natali Stajic, from the volunteer website, said: "We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated volunteer staff to help us."

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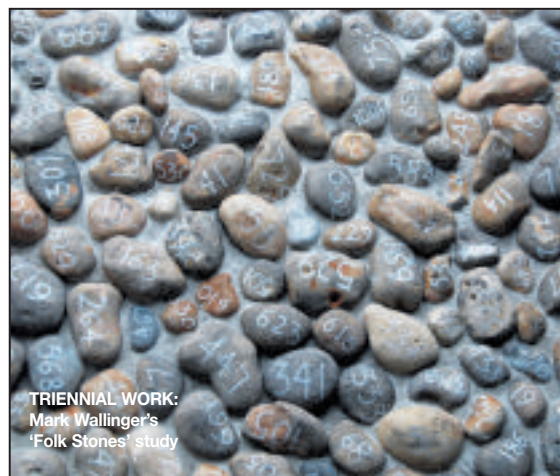
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STAR TURNS: Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger and Tracey Emin will be among the artists at Folkestone's Triennial

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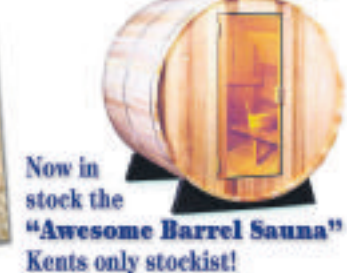
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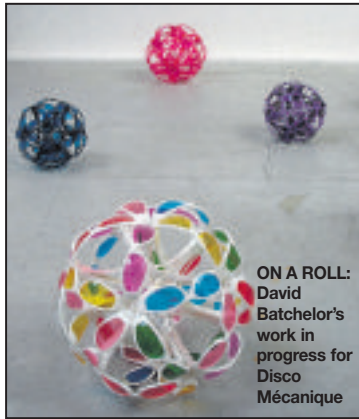
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By **PHIL REILLY**

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THE first Folkestone Triennial opens next week and one of the artists involved believes it could transform the town's fortunes.

Well-known artists from around the world have come to the coastal town to create sculptures and other public artworks for the three-month art festival, which launches next Saturday.

It is one of the most ambitious art events ever staged in the UK and among the participants are Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger, My Bed creator Tracey Emin and French 'sound-scape' artist Christian Boltanski.

Avant garde Los Angeles-based designer Pae White has also come across the Atlantic to create a special dog park for local canines and their owners.

The event is planned to be repeated in the town every three years and some artworks will remain after it closes.

Richard Wilson, a renowned London-based sculptor, said Folkestone will benefit hugely from the event.

Mr Wilson has used sections of the crazy golf course from the town's Rotunda to create three beach huts.

He told KOS Media: "I think Folkestone is very, very lucky to have the number of high-profile artists down there."

"It will create good media attention, not just locally or nationally, but in the exclusive art magazines across the world. People will read Folkestone and think about the Triennial."

He said his own work was "a metaphor for the town".

He added: "When I went down there it was a rather forgotten, forlorn and possibly soon extinguished town. The town seemed to be in decline. I saw that in the golf course, which had been abandoned. The idea was to take the old Folkestone crazy golf course and, through an artistic outcome, transform that situation into something completely new."

The beach huts will be for display only and not for public use.

#### Shortlist

The intention is for the various exhibits to reflect something of the town's history.

Mr Wallinger has individually numbered 19,240 pebbles taken from Folkestone's shingle beach to represent the number of British dead on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. He is also the creator of the design for a massive horse which tops the shortlist for a new piece of public art in Ebbsfleet Valley.

Meanwhile, Mr Boltanski's sound pieces on the town's public benches will play letters sent by and to soldiers in World War One, many of whom left for France from the port of Folkestone.

In contrast, Margate's Tracey Emin will be exhibiting baby clothes found in the street and then cast in bronze.

The event is part of the regeneration scheme for the town spearheaded by the Creative Foundation with ex-Saga boss Roger de Haan at the forefront.

Other artists and groups involved in the Folkestone Triennial are Nathan Coley, Tacita Dean, Ayse Erkman, Jepe Hein, Sejla Kamberic, Robert Kusmirowski, Langlands and Bell, Kaffe Matthews, Ivan and Heather Morison, Nils Norman with Gavin Wade and Simon and Tom Bloor, Susan Philipsz, Public Works, Patrick Tuttofuoco and Richard Wentworth.



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LEGEND: Bryan Hawkins, Martin Scorsese and Eddie McMillan when they met in Boston

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The director is filming *Shutter Island* near Boston in America, where Bryan Hawkins and Eddie McMillan were allowed on-set.

The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio as a US Marshall on the trail of a woman accused of murdering her children and is on the run from an asylum for the insane.

Mr Hawkins said: "The visit was arranged by Mr Scorsese's editor Thelma Schoomaker-Powell, who is an honorary fellow of the university, and we discussed some future research projects. We also had a chance to meet the director himself."

"It was interesting to see how he looked so in control. He was at the centre of a vast process including actors, technical staff and CGI but he maintained this quiet intensity, just demonstrating how he was in charge."

## Sealed with a kiss

AUSTRALIAN star Jason Donovan has joined the bill of this year's Dartford Festival.

The musician and actor, best known for his role in *Neighbours*, will perform on Saturday, July 19, bringing the first day of the free weekend in Central Park to a close. Chas and Dave will close the event on Sunday evening.

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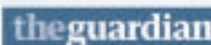
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# A race day to remember

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Runners ranging from young girls to grandmothers completed the 5k Cancer Research UK course, which took in the scenic country park's ancient woodlands and sprawling meadows.

Deputy Mayor of Medway Cllr Ted Baker joined the 2,148 entrants in the pre-run warm-up, before the women headed to the start line

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at 11am. Cancer Research's area events manager Natasha Etienne said she was delighted with the day.

She said: "It was absolutely fantastic from start to finish. There was a really great atmosphere."

"Prior to the race I'd set a fund-raising target of £161,000, but I'm sure we'll break through that. I'd like to say thank you to the 2,148 women and girls who took part."

Most of the runners donned pink outfits for the women-only fun run, with some also wearing touching tributes to loved ones lost to cancer.

Ms Etienne said: "People feel empowered by the Race for Life."

"Lots of the people who were there on Sunday have lost relatives to cancer or have the disease themselves, but they're doing something - helping to make that change."

"Because of that there was a real party atmosphere, with everyone dancing as they went round the course."

"I am already thinking about next year's event - we're definitely on and I hope to make

it bigger and better as the demand is there."

The Race for Life began in 1994 and has grown into the UK's biggest women-only fund-raising event.

To date, 3.4 million runners nationwide have pulled on their running shoes, raising more than £200 million for the charity.

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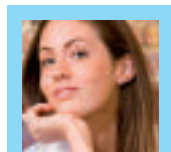
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**ATTRACTIVE** female, 5'3", 30, brown hair/eyes, GSOH, likes country, restaurants, tap-dance, clay modelling, seeks charming family man, 37-42, Steve 40, from Maidstone please call again. Box 805365 TKT

**ARE** you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265 TKT

**SINGLE**, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male 34-38 for LTR. Box 440782 TKT

**MUM** of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 TKT

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**SINGLE** Mum, 35, own place, loves animals, nights in, very down-to-earth, seeking caring male, looks unimportant, fun-loving personality essential. Box 440671 TKT

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31, 5ft10, brown hair/eyes, size 8-10, GSOH, passionate about music, bikes and animals, seeking a caring, considerate male, who's into bikes. Box 433134 TKT

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## BLACK

female, 32, 5ft8, likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTm a nice man 34-50, down-to-earth and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 438885 TKT

## 32YR

old woman, 5ft9, brown hair, curly figure, I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WLTm nice, kind gent. Box 439402 TKT

## CARING

loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 TKT

## SINGLE

man of 2, 32, WLTm someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670 TKT

## ATTRACTIVE

female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 TKT

## SINGLE

man of 1, 31, 5'3", slim, dark hair/dark eyes, enjoys quiet pubs, restaurants, countryside, dancing, clay modelling, seeks warm-hearted, romantic tall man for LTR. Box 321809 TKT

## I'M

a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177 TKT

## MUM

of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 TKT

## DIVORCED

lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honest, love and romance. Box 813930 TKT

## LOVEY

female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 TKT

## EASYGOING

female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913 TKT

## ATTRACTIVE

black female, 36, 5ft7, slim-medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single. Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 438329 TKT

## HI

I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, NS, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, beach-watching, seeking kind, tactile, NS gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674 TKT

## LOVING

female, 36, 5ft4, single man, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship/more. Box 428868 TKT

## SINGLE

man of 3, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053 TKT

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## NURSE

37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male. Box 431557 TKT

## ATTRACTIVE

38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 TKT

## LOVELY

single Mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTm similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889 TKT

## LONELY

bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304 TKT

## KIND

caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 TKT

## I'M

a single mum with 3 children, 42, Auburn hair, blue eyes, 4ft10, lonely and seeking that special person to share my life with. Box 891738 TKT

## YOUNG-LOOKING/ACTING

curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out/in. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746781 TKT

## TALL

outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895906 TKT

## KAY

43, 5ft1, medium build, enjoys cinema, bowling, restaurants, foreign travel, the beach! Seeking my Mr Right, so give me a call! Box 440252 TKT

## DEAL-BASED

lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 TKT

## PETITE

brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most music, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 TKT

## 19YR

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## YOUNG-LOOKING

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## PROFESSIONAL

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## SLIM

petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440007 TKT

## CARING

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## FRIENDLY

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## HAPPY

go lucky, honest, loving female, 47, enjoy going out, stays in, love my dogs and animals, seeking fun loving chap for friendship and love. Box 892112 TKT

## KIND

loving female, 44, blonde, 5'4", medium/curvy build, likes reading, live music, countryside, walks, seeks similar, adventurous male for happy times together. Kent. Box 805946 TKT

## SINCERE

happy woman, with GSOH, I'm 5ft8, with short brown hair, brown eyes. I have lots of interests and WLTm similar guy. Box 895019 TKT

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# Sunshine in her eyes

## Famous artist's work on display at castle where she sold first painting

By **PHIL REILLY**

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WHEN fledgling artist Dorothea Sharp sold her first painting, the buyer was the owner of Hever Castle.

More than half a century after her death, the work of the now renowned Impressionist is being exhibited in the hallowed surroundings of the castle that was Anne Boleyn's home.

John Malcolm Guthrie, the man who purchased that first painting, clearly knew how to spot talent.

Miss Sharp (1874-1955), who was born and raised in Dartford, was described by the editor of *The Artist* in 1935 as "one of England's greatest living woman painters".

In total, 19 of her paintings are on display in the castle as part of a month celebrating the 100th anniversary of its renovation by William Waldorf Astor.

Miss Sharp, the daughter of a timber merchant, went to art school in London after inheriting £100 from a relative on her mother's side of the family.

### Headstrong

This was much to the disapproval of her family, especially as Edwardian ladies were expected to paint with watercolours in their drawing rooms.

However, the young, headstrong Miss Sharp used her money to paint with oils at the Regent Street School of Art.

She stood out from her contemporaries with her vivid use of colour, movement and sunshine, having spent time travelling in Europe and discovering, among others, Claude Monet.

Helen Entwisle, author of a biography of the artist called *Rock Pools and Sunshine*, told KOS Media it was Miss Sharp's use of colour that first attracted her to her work.

She said: "I came across her paintings 18 years ago. I was overwhelmed by them so I started to find out about her life."

"[Her work] suggests an easy-going lifestyle. She wanted to capture the happy side of life."

She never returned to Kent



**VIBRANT:** Dorothea Sharp (left), whose art captured glorious summer days at the seaside. Some of her work is on display at Hever Castle (below)



to live, instead spending much of her adulthood in Cornwall, painting by the sea.

The Guthrie family became keen fans of Miss Sharp's work and went on to buy a further five paintings.

They are all part of the exhibition, alongside works from galleries and private collectors.

Alongside the exhibition there is also a competition for people to paint a picture of Hever Castle's Italian Gardens in the style of Miss Sharp.

The prize is a handcrafted wooden paint box full of painting materials and an annual pass to Hever Castle.

To take part, send paintings to Dorothea Sharp Competition, Hever Castle, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7NG, or hand them in to the steward in the castle entrance.

The exhibition is open now and runs until June 29.

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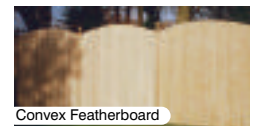
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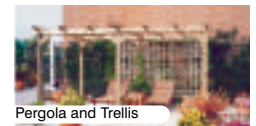
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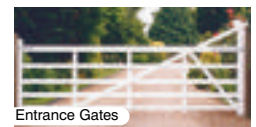
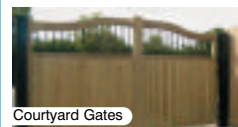
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## KENT ON SUNDAY

### COMMENT

# Not the last we'll see of big guns

THE Tory bigwigs' descent on the county this week indicated Kent will be a key battleground in the next general election.

Although no date has been set, the next election will be some time in the next two years and the Conservatives are already starting to put in the groundwork.

Leader David Cameron brought his shadow cabinet to Maidstone for a private policy meeting at County Hall before senior figures fanned out to marginal constituencies across Kent.

The frontbench assault on the county comes with the party flying high after winning the Crewe and Nantwich by-election. Despite much of the county being a Tory stronghold, Kent has not been fully blue since Margaret Thatcher's heyday.

Kent's Labour-held constituencies will be among the most fiercely contested in the country and our MPs will need to think long and hard about how best to retain their seats with voters feeling disillusioned and unsure.

During the last election both Gordon Brown and Tony Blair visited the county, so expect to see a lot more household names as the battle for votes intensifies.

## The Chinese way

THE success of a Kent company in securing a global licensing deal with a leading Chinese firm makes for welcome news in the current economic climate.

Synchronica, which makes mobile phone software, has done well as a small company to break into the emerging foreign markets and now has huge potential for growth.

## OPINION:

## Transforming transport

# TIM GARBUTT is very much aware of how much change our transport industry faces in order to remain viable



THE interesting thing about being involved in the green business world is helping to re-gear the transport industry.

Here in Kent we've seen the relentless tarmacking of what's too often viewed as London's backyard rather than one of the world's biosphere regions.

And climate change means at the very least a re-think on many motoring policies, whether it be road-building, car-parking, car-ownership, public transport or noise reduction.

Clearly massive road-building over the last 50 years in the UK (the M1 was opened in 1959 and the M25 in 1986) has reached a peak where even the Government points out that building more roads simply leads to them becoming jammed – no wonder with car ownership soaring from 2.8 million cars in 1959 to 27.5 million now.

Much debate revolves around the actual fuel that powers transport.

With Shell and the other petrol companies last month introducing a five per cent biofuel additive to their diesel fuel the reliance on old oil is over.

But will a reliance on biofuel actually harm the planet? The link between increasing arable land for cash crops and now biofuel crops is potentially a real danger for increasing emissions in both directions: burning fuel in the car and clearing forest cover

that scrubs carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

In the immediate future there's Oil Drum: Kent's secret weapon. Based in Sittingbourne the boffins there have adapted hydrogen from the combustion chamber of lorries and buses, resulting in 20 per cent increased fuel efficiency and reduced emissions. The technology is simply a bolt-on extra with few changes needed to the engine.

### Sugar cane

And already Kent's Enviro-group and several food companies are offering discounted products for reclaiming food oil. Buying a chip shop and make a profit on the oil might be a viable business model for the future.

You might even want to sprinkle olive oil in your petrol tanks (no, biofuel tanks) rather than your salad. But there are a couple of tropical crops that might provide an even more sustainable future.

A recent conference described Thailand as the Detroit of the East for its focus on the motor car

and motorbike industry. Anyone who bought a Toyota or Honda probably remembers cheap gags about them being 'rice-burners'.

We may not be too far from that scenario. Tropical plants seem increasingly viable to fuel this motor production: FEDIOL, the EU grain industry body, cite up to 20 per cent of EU biodiesel needs may originate from South East Asia by 2010.

Palm oil, coconut oil, soy bean oil and sunflower oil have been prevalent to date, but now we're seeing the growth of sugar cane from the tropics. Sugar cane is hardy and fast-growing, even providing several crops a year, and thrives in poor soil with almost no fertiliser or chemicals.

Pornphan Phanphatpong, of the Centre for Environmental Strategy, said: "Biofuel in all its different forms is fuelling alternative transport strategies of the new millennium."

A little further afield, California is actively aiming to replace 20 per cent of on-road gasoline consumption with lower-carbon fuels, more than triple the size of the

state's renewable fuels market. This rush to biofuel will triple renewable usage in California. Our cousins in Virginia Beach are already looking at 'cool concrete' that both reflects heat and is porous to rainwater to allow for increased vegetation and flood management.

Sugar cane from Asia and the Americas may be the option that powers our transport of the future.

We may not witness the de-tar-macking of our country to allow for sugar cane, palm trees and cacti displays as the temperature mounts ever higher; but visiting the sugar cane plantations and olive groves of the Costa Del Kent in your biocar might be the tourist or work journey in the Garden of England of the future.

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## Airport is not to blame

In response to Josephine Cole's letter of June 1, explaining her understandable disappointment over the cancellation of our fly-in at Manston, I must emphasise that the airport management (our landlords) were blameless.

After months of planning and preparation, we were faced on the Friday with forecast weather of high easterly winds and torrential rain. Given we had people and vintage aircraft coming from as far away as Ireland, I took the decision that afternoon to cancel the event, and our friends in the media did their best to pass on the message.

The rain on Sunday morning, which would have washed out our ground displays, gave way to sunshine. The forecast weather moved north; the Red Arrows gave a restricted and retimed display at the Southend Airshow, and the Eurofighter Typhoon jet was unable to fly, as conditions were so bad. On the Monday no RAF jets flew from Manston.

All decisions on flying were taken by the aircraft operators. Kent International Airport could not have been more supportive. We are trying to re-arrange for September 14.

Jeremy de Rose

Chairman, RAF Manston Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum Trust

## End the airport moans

Once again the anti Lydd Airport expansion brigade have poked their noses into something which doesn't concern them. Have they heard of free speech? All I hear is the rattle of egos and I would like to remind them, before half of them came to live in or around Lydd, there was an airport called Silver City which ferried passengers plus their cars to the Continent.

For several good reasons, mainly money, they had to amalgamate with Squires Gate so they left Lydd Airport. I remember (yes, Ms Barton, there was life before you came to these parts) many years of a successful airport with a large 'family' – personal touch – relationship with the management and all personnel. Hawks and other birds were numerous and the sound of the planes was not too bad.

Then a passenger service developed where a

# Stop complaining and look at the big picture

It has become customary for us to slag off the Government, Gordon Brown in particular, for any perceived failure in English life.

Last week Colin Davies, a great upholder of English 'fair play' (how different is this from Welsh, Irish or Scots 'fair play'?) claims a government cock-up over Northern Rock. How can this be? Here was a business that had nothing whatever to do with the Government, which nearly came a cropper through its own misjudgement of the market.

The Government stepped in to save the bank as people rushed to take their money (and so prevent a run on other banks). Would Colin Davies enjoy such financial turmoil?

Mr Davies may have a point over diesel fuel, although hauliers on the verge of collapse still seem to be able to waste a day's

income and a day's fuel costs in their ill-conceived blockade. We should of course be planning to reduce road haulage before our children choke with lung disease. But this will take some time.

NHS: I've always found this to be wonderful. It was of course the Conservatives who fought tooth and nail to prevent it coming into being after the war.

Then we come to Mr Davies' attack on the Scots. None can admire Mr Salmond less than I. No patronising, self-satisfied nationalist makes an attractive figure. But is Mr Davies turning himself into Mr Salmond's mirror image? It would be a catastrophe if nationalists broke up the United Kingdom.

Dave Stun  
Faversham

## Support autistic adults

As the parent of a child with autism I am very worried about what will happen as they get older. Autism is a lifelong condition, yet as I exist, the new report from the National Autistic Society has found, many adults with the disability struggle to get the help they so desperately need.

Many feel isolated and ignored and are entirely dependant on their families for support. I want to see the right services and support in place so people with autism can reach

their true potential – the right help at the right time can have a profound effect.

That is why I'm supporting the NAS 'think differently about autism' campaign. I urge people to visit [www.think-differently.org.uk](http://www.think-differently.org.uk) and help put pressure on local and national government to do more to transform the lives of adults with autism.

Suzanne Green  
Church Meadows, Deal

## Our police are useless

I was sad to see they have spent good tax money on a police station when what they need to do is spend it on training and improving the Kent police service.

This has got to be the most useless, inefficient police service in Europe, let alone Britain. Maybe they could do a swap with other forces so ours can learn about real policing and the police coming here could have a holiday at the same time as that seems to be the only thing the police do in Kent.

Every time you try to contact someone they are either on day off or holiday and if you report something they tell you it is either not their responsibility or some other pathetic excuse.

Stewart May  
Deal

## Cut carbon, not tax

The disastrous effects of the Government's failure to prepare for the long-expected rising fuel prices as the world hits peak oil production along with its failure to reduce our oil consumption in the face of catastrophic climate change is being felt by motorists and hauliers.

Even so, reducing the fuel tax would be the wrong thing to do and these high prices must be used to spur the rapid change to a lower carbon economy – this is the only long-term solution for a sustainable society.

The tax that should be reduced is the Vehicle Excise Duty – road tax. This regressive tax helps no-one and punishes the poor more than the wealthy. Taxes should be aimed at the rich,

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### BIRTHS

#### BABER

Nick and Jess Baber of Limsfield are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Jasmine Layla Baber born 19th May 2008 weighing 7lb 12oz.

#### BENSON

Suzanne and Mark of Larkfield celebrate the birth of their daughter Katy Diana Benson on 19th May 2008.

#### BOWDEN

Lois Natasha born on 18th May 2008, weighing 8lb 8oz. Daughter to James Horner and Melanie Bowden of Folkestone.

#### CHILD

Joseph and Lindsay of Canterbury are over the moon at the birth of their son, Tyler Richard, on 24th May 2008. Jessica and Joshua are really pleased to have a new baby brother.

#### CLARK

Bailey Mark John born on 13th May 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital weighing 8lb 4oz.

#### CROWTHER

To Matthew and Hannah of Herne Bay, a beautiful daughter, Darci Mai, born on 24th May 2008.

#### DAVISON

Jan and Stu Davison of Ashford celebrate the birth of their daughter Lily Amelia Davison on 25th May 2008 at 00.03. Sister to Sidney, Nicky, Tash, Sammy-Jo and Danny.

#### FOULGER

Mark and Becky are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jack John Foulger born on 28th May 2008 in Maidstone, weighing 8lb 2oz. Brother to Abbi.

#### GAMBLE

Holly Janaway and Daniel Gamble are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Lilly Elizabeth Gamble on the 23rd May 2008.

#### GODWIN

Shane and Marie of Broadstairs (formerly of The Millers Arms, Canterbury) are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Sophie Lucia on 8th May 2008. A new sister for Eleni. A big thank you to all the staff at the birthing unit at Canterbury Hospital.

#### GROWNS

David and Marie are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Toni-Marie Lucy Pamela born on 12th May 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 6lb 5oz. Sister to Victoria, Courtney and Suzanne.

#### HAMMOND

Mark and Sarah of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Joshua William Hammond, on 19th May 2008. A new baby brother for Lucy.

#### HAREWOOD

Charlotte Harewood and Tom Lambert of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Ethan Thomas Harewood on 17th May 2008.

#### HUGHES

Stewart and Lorraine of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Megyn Avril Valerie Kelsey-Hughes, on 10th May 2008. A new baby sister for John.

#### KNELL

Marc and Kerry-Anne of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Caitlin Allyce, on 27th April 2008.

#### LONG

Trevor and Catharine of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their son, Riley James Long, on 23rd May 2008.

#### MORLEY

Dan and Sara are proud to announce the birth of their second son Kieran Thomas on 21st May 2008 weighing 7lb 12oz, a little brother for Kyle James.

#### MUNN

Steven and Wendy Munn of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Evie Grace Munn on 17th May 2008.

#### MURRAY

Stephen and Vicky of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Leila Pearl Kathleen Murray, on 13th May 2008. A new sister for Evie and Jodie.

#### PERHAM

Charlie William born on 26th May 2008, weighing 7lb 10oz. Son to Steve and Jane Perham of Ashford, brother for Oliver.

#### RADCLIFFE

Lee and Hayley of Tunbridge Wells proudly announce the arrival of their daughter Jessie Mai Radcliffe born 23rd May 2008 weighing 6lb 7oz.

#### RILEY

Tamsin Isabel Riley born on 24th April 2008, weighing 7lb 14oz. Daughter to Tony and Angela, and sister to Eloise of Snodland.

#### SCEAL

Freya May born on 21st May 2008 to proud parents Netta and Ben weighing 7lb 11oz, a sister for Tommy.

#### SILLETT

Mabel Louise Sillett passed away peacefully aged 98 on 31st May 2008. Dearly loved Mother and Grandmother. The funeral is on Monday 16th June at 12 noon at Thanet Crematorium. All enquires to Welch and Sons, Herne Bay.

#### SNOAD

Gary and Carly of Faversham are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Aden Gary Raymond Snoad, on 25th May 2008. A new baby brother for Jake and Lucy.

#### SPICE

Tania and Mark would like to celebrate the birth of their daughter Chloe Marie Spice born on 29th May 2008 weighing 9lb 7oz. Sister to Kacey and Bailey.

#### THOMAS

Kitty Annabelle Thomas born on 22nd April 2008, weighing 8lb 5oz. Daughter to Joe and Denise Thomas in Larkfield.

#### TILLEY

Fix-son Ronald James Tilley born on 17th May 2008, weighing 6lb 8oz. Son to Peter Tilley and Karen Mulliner and brother to Tanisha Louise Tilley of Barming.

#### VERHOEVEN

Mike and Michelle of Brook, against all odds, are delighted to announce the birth of their very precious son, Daniel William Verhoeven on 17th May 2008.

#### WATSON

Barry and Michelle are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Amelia Grace Kathleen on 19th May 2008, weighing 7lb 7oz.

#### WILTSHIRE

Simon and Pippa of Canterbury are exhausted but very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Jane, on 20th May 2008.

### DEATHS

#### BOTTEN

Patricia Janet Botten of Maidstone passed away on 30th May 2008. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Services 01622 725035.

#### COLLINS

Dennis Albert Collins of Snodland died peacefully on 1st June 2008. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium at 11am on 9th June.

#### DOCHERTY

Peter Docherty of Crow Hill Borough Green, formerly of Glasgow, passed away peacefully in his sleep at The Heart of Kent Hospice. Loving husband of Mary and father to John, Jean and Elizabeth.

#### GOATE

Douglas Goate died peacefully Friday 23 May at QE/M. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. You will live in our hearts forever.

#### HIGGINS

Francis Joseph Higgins known to his friends as Frank Higgins passed away suddenly at home on the 26th May 2008. He will be sadly missed and always

remembered. Funeral enquiries to Co-operative Windmill Street Gravesend.

#### HOPPER

Derek Hopper of Blean, Canterbury passed away on 29th May 2008, aged 85 years. Enquiries to Malcolm Chapman on 01622 746630.

#### MORGAN

"Mogs" - Robert Morgan sadly passed away on 24th May 2008, aged 52. Funeral to be held on Friday 13th June at Woodlands Cemetery at 1.30pm. All enquiries to John Weir on 01634 386999.

#### MORWOOD

John Morwood of Ryarsh passed away on 30th May 2008. Enquiries to Vinters of West Malling 01732 842485.

#### PARSONS

Andrea Christine Parsons of Maidstone, formerly of Fulda Germany, died peacefully on 27th May 2008. Funeral service to be held at Charing Crematorium on Thursday 12th June at 2pm. All enquiries to Sears Funeral Directors of Barming on 01622 725035. No flowers but donations please to The Blackthorn Trust.

#### THWAITES

Henry Arthur Thwaites of Maidstone passed away peacefully after a short illness on 29th May 2008, aged 81.

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who can afford them, and the polluters to change behaviour. Road Tax does neither.

*Stuart Jeffery  
Green Party prospective parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and the Weald*

## Don't stop our market

I am outraged at the council's plan to merge Rochester's weekly market with the farmers' market as it means the historic weekly market will be lost.

The Conservative council is failing to protect our markets. Just look at what has happened to Rochester Market since it was moved. I am concerned Medway will be losing this historic market that has been there for 800 years.

The markets bring in a lot of business for traders and are really appreciated, but the council seem to be happy to neglect them.

*Cllr Geoff Juby  
Liberal Democrat group leader, Chatham*

## Stand up for Britain

Can anyone explain to me why Paul Carter's response to the continued disruption caused by French strikes is to seek assistance from the European Commission regarding his pet project, a monstrous lorry park?

By even contemplating this 'solution' are we meekly accepting that the French can continue to hold us to ransom at will when membership of the EU stipulates the free movement of goods and people through member states?

Our politicians should be demanding swift and immediate intervention from the European Commission, and full compensation to the affected businesses. Stop hand wringing and bare some British bulldog teeth.

*Mrs C Felton  
Gillingham*

## There's hope for young

Bank Holiday Monday morning I lay in bed lis-

tening to the rain and wind against my window. Looking down on the flattened lawn, covered in leaves brought down by the wind and rain, my poor flowers bent over by the strong weather which forecasters had got right, I looked at the roads and thought how beautiful they looked with the clean silver sheen they had, when out of the corner of my eye I saw a flash of white.

Looking across to the park, there were a group of young people with white tops, some in shorts, others wearing trousers, running around with sticks and black bags chasing and collecting rubbish which some careless person had thrown down.

Even now I could see two of them digging away under a child's roundabout and one holding aloft something which went into the black bag. At the top of the picture there was a lad approaching across the park with an old bike wheel. Who were these people enjoying running around in this weather picking up other peoples rubbish? Well, they were from the Rainham Christian Fellowship.

This male and female group were out to clean up. In this day and age where one hears and sees of what is happening to the youth and adolescent, I for one know there is hope for our young people of today.

*Harold Southgate  
By email*

## Immigrants will ruin us

With regard to your article on anti-racism, while I'm sure that Bunny La Roche and her supporters are sincere, I do believe that once they reach adulthood and come to live in the real world, they will realise that mass immigration, legal or otherwise, will eventually ruin this country, if it hasn't done so already.

*P J E Pepper  
Ramsgate*

## Explosive nonsense

I was surprised by your article on page 21 of today's paper headed 'Explosive situation' about plans to store the explosive substance ammonium in Chatham Dockyard. Why is

there so much local opposition to this?

Until the mid 1980s, when it closed, the dockyard would have stored torpedoes, shells, missiles and bullets for the ships and nuclear submarines serviced there. So why should ammonium be more dangerous than these?

Providing the appropriate safety regulations are enforced and suitable security measures put in place, I don't see a problem.

*Marc Hurstfield  
Northfleet*

## Dutch courage wanted

Mr Bentley's letter (May 25) is a good example of the British determination, evident since the Common Market was first mooted in the 50s, to cut off its nose to spite its face. It took the best part of 20 years to correct the mistake in not joining – and people like UKIP's wallahs even now want us to withdraw.

I hardly suppose they have given any thought to the consequences of withdrawal.

Most importantly, it would likely lead to the breakup of the United Kingdom. After all, why should Scotland remain a part of the UK, with Edinburgh forever subservient to Westminster, when it has the alternative of being a full and equal member of the EU? And if Scotland, why not Wales and Northern Ireland? All these countries will have taken note of how well Ireland has done as an EU member.

So what would poor little middle England, forever whining, do? Cling to its pathetic belief that we have some kind of special relationship with the USA – a relationship that country has got, but not with us? Out of the EU it is hardly likely the USA would notice that England exists – and we would, of course, lose our seat on the Security Council.

The idea this country acts as some kind of link between the USA and the EU is laughable – George Bush does of course have a telephone and for all I know an email address.

However, the USA can teach us to do as it does; look after the interests of our own country and its subjects. That includes not taking part in wrong wars on behalf of a foreign power and destroying what influence we have left in the world.

Mr Bentley was wrong with nearly every point he made. No doubt there was an increase in prices with the introduction of the euro – as there was when our currency went decimal in the 70s. The profiteers are ever with us.

But prices are still, in general, less in the other EU countries than they are here. I have bought English beer and CDs for less in Sweden than they are here, and the cost of hotels and meals in the EU countries I have visited have all been considerably less than I would have to pay in the UK – so far as possible comparing like for like.

Most of those countries have higher business overhead expenses as well – including social security. When it comes to government and big business Great Britain is still rip off Britain!

Mr Bentley forgets that pre-war we still had an Empire – one we could not afford to keep post-war and ultimately we had no choice but to give the various countries their independence. We also had Imperial Preference – something we had to give up in order to obtain loans from the USA after the war.

The statement the EU could not do without us – I mean, has he got out of bed in the last 50 years? The euro is now one of the strongest currencies in the world – and indeed one of the reasons the USA went to war was because Iraq – Saudi as well – wanted to start to trade its oil in euros rather than dollars.

We could have joined the euro at its inception, with a good argument for basing the Central Bank in London, but as usual we preferred to cut off our noses – and now the pound is falling fast against the euro and we can do no more than look on in despair. Do the words burning deck, sinking ship, not come to mind?

The sooner we accept the fact we are a European country – by geography, history and peoples – the better. Where else did all those Celts, Romans, Saxons, Normans – plus all the more recent migrations of Huguenots, Irish, Italians, Germans, etc, come from other than Europe? Our Royal family is almost completely German in origin, and is related to almost every other European Royal house.

In spite of some of my comments above, I am not anti-American – I'm old enough to remember the great kindness of American service-



men, especially to us kids, during the war.

All my life I have loved Western movies and the music of Duke Ellington and Count Basie, Billie Holiday, Peggy Lee, etc. – certainly the greatest popular music of the 20th century.

But I am European and not American, and if there is one thing that makes me wish I was 20 again it is the EU and the opportunities it gives. And while the likes of Mr Bentley wallow in their misery, our young are taking those opportunities and are going to live and work in Paris, Berlin, Rome, and so on – I was surprised at the number of British working in Gothenburg when I visited.

Add the number of people buying property either in Spain, France, Italy, etc, and you get a different take on the usual arguments about migration.

These are our people playing their part in the European movement, the ones who realise we're citizens of the EU as well as British subjects and all the choices that gives us. Have courage to join them, Mr Bentley.

B Hills  
Orpington

## Lorries affect us all

The rising price of oil during the last two years has meant we have all suffered.

Very bad news for car drivers commuting to work, doing the shopping or getting about.

But dire for operators of lorries and vans who need to move their goods as part of their business. And worst of all for hauliers, whose entire business is to move other people's goods. Fuel now represents almost 40 per cent of their total operating costs. Bulk diesel prices have risen from 76p per litre last May to 106p per litre today – a 40 per cent increase in just 12 months.

Diesel is the lifeblood of the economy. If you've got it then it has almost certainly been inside the back of a lorry. Everything in the supermarkets, high street, the bricks that build our homes and the beer that stocks our pubs. You name it and it's the product of a lorry journey. You may not like the lorry, but it's the lorry that delivers everything you need.

Sadly, the problems caused by a rising

world price for oil are compounded in the UK by our ultra-high tax regime. Duty on diesel is 50p per litre compared to a European average of 25p. A single 40-tonne lorry, doing around seven miles to the gallon, now faces an annual fuel bill of between £40,000 and £45,000. One vehicle, £45,000 per year for diesel, of which over £21,000 is tax.

The price of diesel, and the tax paid on it, impacts on the whole population. It is an ingredient in the price of everything.

That is why it is so important for the Government to change its tax strategy and reduce the level of duty paid by commercial vehicle operators. Not just for the benefit of those operators, but for all of us as consumers. High diesel prices stoke inflation.

The call for lower diesel duty is not just self interest by the transport industry. It is important for every one of us.

Gordon Telling  
London, South East and East of England  
Freight Transport Association  
Tunbridge Wells

## Costs have all gone up

Your front page story about Southeastern trains, raising their car-parking charges and justifying the rise by saying they compare favourable with council car parking, has some truth in it.

In the same edition you had a letter from Peter Nassan condemning price rises in council-run car parks, because councils see drivers as 'extra funding' like some form of mobile cashpoint, to extort money from at every opportunity.

When it came to power, Labour promised to introduce an integrated transport system, yet 11 years on, all we have seen is closure of station car parks and rising parking costs.

Perhaps if some of the annual £5 billion subsidy the railways scoff their way through could have been spent on enlarging car parks, (multi-story or underground) then they might have achieved some of that promise?

All they've achieved is a costly rail network and a crumbling, gridlocked road system.

Terry Hudson  
Herne Bay

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## Aussie ambassador to open design show

SOUTH Australia's ambassador for the arts will be opening the graduate design show at a Kent university.

Asuncion Bassas will launch the private view of students' work at the University College for the Creative Arts in Canterbury.

The exhibition will feature example of graduate work from architecture, fine art, interior architecture and design students. It will be open to the public from June 7 to 12.

# Bright sparks in for a summer of learning

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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TOP academic achievers have been invited to take part in a summer school for gifted and talented young people being held at a Kent university.

Young people aged 15-17 will have the chance to take part in four courses, including studying fine art from professional artists and the history and culture of America over the past 100 years, at Canterbury Christ Church University.

Sue Soan, the university's director of the summer school, said: "This is a wonderful

opportunity for young people to engage in university life.

"Their experiences will enhance their knowledge and understanding of a wide range of subjects.

"The summer school aims to provide students with an exceptional learning experience which adds long-term value to their education."

The university is the lead institution for the South East's 'excellence hub', which is part of the Young Gifted and Talented initiative run by the Centre for British Teachers' Education Trust on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

### Challenging

"This year's summer school is likely to prove challenging and enjoyable for the students and will help to develop further their study skills as appropriate to their ability," she added.

The programme aims to offer the talented teenagers, who are from the top five to 10 per cent highest achievers at school, the opportunity of high-quality learning and social experiences ahead of university.

Young people can choose to learn about painting and sculpture, including technical skills as well as critical thinking through the

programme's Mud and Pigment course.

Making America looks at literature, film, history, photography and other art forms to see how the US developed into a superpower through the course of the 20th century.

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Nature's Chemical Store: Separation and Synthesis – explores the world of organic chemistry through various activities including model building, organic separation and synthesis techniques.

'Excellence hubs' are meant to help ensure that gifted and talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds can access higher education courses and also provide opportunities to stretch and challenge all academic achievers of school age.

The summer school is taking place between August 10-16. To apply for a place visit [www.canterbury.ac.uk/gifted](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/gifted) or call 01227 767 700 ext. 3260.

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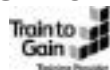
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## Leader for £75m campus

A QUALIFIED chartered surveyor has been chosen to oversee plans for a £75 million new campus at a college with sites across Kent.

Alan Cooke has been appointed pro-rector for corporate services at the University College for the Creative Arts which has campuses at Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester.

"The role is about developing and implementing an integrated approach to strategies and policies for optimal use of the college's physical, human, financial and IT resources," he said.

"My aim is to move us to a pro-active culture with medium and long-term plans and



**IN CHARGE: Alan Cooke**

I am looking forward to putting the knowledge and experience I have gained in my various roles to good use, especially in this period when we are working towards university title."

Mr Cooke has previously overseen the £30m development of the college's other sites at Farnham and Epsom in Surrey over the past 10 years.

The college has been awarded university status and will re-launch as University for the Creative Arts in September, a

spokesman said.

A location for the new campus has yet to be decided but the existing site at Maidstone is set to close.

## What's in store at uni?

AN INFORMATION day at a Kent university will give prospective students the chance to explore their degree and training options.

The University of Kent is hosting the day at its centre

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For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying):

Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School,  
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### Lecturer Cross College Key Skills

Ref: 08/36

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum.

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Ref: S/NVQ

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**Student Activities Assistant** Ref: 02/137  
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum.

**Faculty Administrator Sciences, Humanities and Languages** Ref: 06/160  
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Ref: T1325

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Ref: S2141

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Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.







Following the retirement of a number of staff and a re-organisation of responsibilities, The Wildernesse School requires the following teachers for September 2008.

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- 5 GCSE's at grade C or above, including Maths and English, or relevant experience
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- Good communication skills
- Good basic office skills including keyboard
- A commitment to delivering a customer-focused service

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**Ref: ER/08/0086**

Closing date: Midday, 16th June 2008.

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This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

Closing date: Midday, 12 June 2008.

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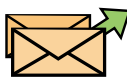
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 Tel: 0845 207 8222  
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### Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

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### Student Activities Assistant

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 Quoting Job Ref: 02/137  
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 (24hr answerphone)  
 Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Supply NVQ Assessors Early Years

**Canterbury**  
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 Website: [www.gsgs.org.uk](http://www.gsgs.org.uk).  
**To apply/more information:** Mrs M Tong Ralphs  
 Gravesend Grammar School for Girls  
 Quoting Job Ref: kos  
 Tel: 01474 352896  
 Email [enquiries@gsgs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gsgs.org.uk)

### Teacher of ICT

**Sevenoaks**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** Friday 20 June 2008  
 Following the retirement of a number of staff and a re-organisation of responsibilities, The Wildernesse School requires the following teachers for September 2008. These posts would be suitable for an NQT/GTP. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff are required to complete CRB checks before taking up post. For an application form and further details please contact the school office on Tel. 01732 454617 Fax. 01732 453675 E-mail: [office@wildernesse.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@wildernesse.kent.sch.uk).  
**To apply/more information:** The Wildernesse School  
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 Tel: 01732 454617  
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### Teacher of Mathematics

**Sevenoaks**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** Friday 20 June 2008  
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 Tel: 01732 454617  
 Email [office@wildernesse.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@wildernesse.kent.sch.uk)

### Teacher of Music (part-time)

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 Tel: 01732 454617  
 Email [office@wildernesse.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@wildernesse.kent.sch.uk)

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Jill McKenna  
Aylesford School - Sports College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01622 717431  
Email: jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

**Teacher of Science**  
**Sevenoaks**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** Friday 20 June 2008

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**To apply/more information:**  
The Wilderness School  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01732 454617  
Email: office@wilderness.kent.sch.uk

**Teacher of Science**  
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**TEACHING ASSISTANTS**  
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**Salary:** £14,492 - £18,430 (PRO RATA) + SEN Allowance (£1,107) pay award pending  
**Closing Date:** 20th June 2008

**To apply/more information:**  
Mrs Linda Taylor  
Abbey Court School  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01634 338224  
Email: applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

**Trainer Demonstrator**  
**Animal Care**  
**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** Monday 23 June 2008 at 12 noon

**To apply/more information:**  
Canterbury College  
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Tel: 01227 811282  
(24hr answerphone)  
Email: applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

**Tutor - KCC Project**  
**(Learning Disabilities)**  
**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** TBC

**Closing Date:** 5pm, Wednesday 25th June 2008

Variable hours You will create and deliver a range of short courses (3 - 6 hours in duration) on the KCC Care Project across a variety of locations. You will be responsible for the management of students learning, all design, delivery and evaluation of training events. For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department by phone, email or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk). All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.

**To apply/more information:**  
South Kent College  
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Tel: 0845 207 8222  
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Tel: 01634 233216  
Email: g.jones@aerospace-tooling.co.uk

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**(Defect and Service)**  
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**Closing Date:** 12th June 2008

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**To apply/more information:**  
Kent Fire & Rescue Services  
Quoting Job Ref: 000632  
Email: recruitment.hr@kent.fire-uk.org

**MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN**  
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**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 13th June 2008

**To apply/more information:**  
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**Gillingham**  
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**Closing Date:** 13 June 2008

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HR Department,  
Fuj Seal Europe Ltd  
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Email: jobs@uk.fujiseal.com

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**Closing Date:** 30th June 2008.

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**To apply/more information:**  
Mr Paul Ruprecht,  
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**STORES PERSON/ DRIVER**  
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**WEB PROJECT LEADER**  
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**Longfield**  
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**Financial Compliance Officer**  
**Whitstable**  
**Salary:** Starting salary £22,825  
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Alison Brook,  
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Tel: 07788 421073  
Email: vacancies@valence.kent.sch.uk

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**SUPPORT ASSISTANT**  
**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** £15,687 - £18,120  
**Closing Date:** Friday 20 June 2008

As part of the Support Team within Revenues and Benefits you will deal with the daily incoming post, undertake checking, verifying, photocopying, scanning and routing of work to the document management system. You will also be required to write to claimants requesting information and/or documentation not received and process any changes in their circumstances. This post will involve contact with the public and it is essential that you are able to work as part of a team, under pressure and to tight deadlines. We would like to hear from you if you have the following: • 5 GCSE's at grade C or above, including Maths and English, or relevant experience • The ability to analyse and retain information and be able to communicate skills • Good basic office skills including keyboard • A commitment to delivering a customer-focused service For an informal discussion about this role please contact Steve Weakley, Team Leader on 01303 853346. Download application details at [www.shephway.gov.uk](http://www.shephway.gov.uk) or email: jobs@shephway.gov.uk or call our 24 hour answerphone service on 01303 853481.

**To apply/more information:**  
Steve Weakley  
Shephway District Council  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
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**Operations Manager**  
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**An Experienced Motor Vehicle Technician**  
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Cumbria House Residential Home  
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A2 Cabs Ltd  
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Email: elaine@a2cabs.co.uk

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**To apply/more information:**  
Demetza House  
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**Manager**  
**Hythe**  
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**Sittingbourne**  
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### Receptionist/Administrator

**Medway**  
Salary: £11,599 - £16,199  
**Closing Date:** Friday 13 June 2008  
12 month fixed-term contract. The successful candidate will provide a comprehensive and efficient front-line service to College stakeholders at our Chatham campus. You will undertake the full range of reception and administrative duties and have experience using MS Office applications. Previous reception, administration and front-line experience would be advantageous. Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website [www.rbl.co.uk](http://www.rbl.co.uk) for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk).  
Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.  
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**Closing Date:** Friday, 13 June 2008  
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### Receptionist/Administrator

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**Closing Date:** Friday 13 June 2008  
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**Highways - Borough of Ashford****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (No. 1)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Victoria Road and Beaver Road, Ashford (Except for access therein) at their junction with A2042 Romney Marsh Road on or after 23 June 2008, between 19:00hrs and 07:00hrs and Sundays for 24 hours only, for an estimated period of 30 weeks or until such works are complete, to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route for through traffic traveling from the Town Centre to the A2042 Romney Marsh Road will be via A2042 Station Road, A2042 Wellesley Road, A292 Mace Lane, A292 Hythe Road, Junction 10 Interchange of the M20, A2070 Bad Munsterel Road, A2070 and A2042 Romney Marsh Road.

The alternative route for through traffic traveling from the A2042 Romney Marsh Road to the Town Centre will be via A2042 Romney Marsh Road, A2070, A2070 Bad Munsterel Road, Junction 10 Interchange of the M20, A292 Hythe Road, A292 Mace Lane, A2042 Wellesley Road and A2042 Station Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BETHERSDEN ROAD, BETHERSDEN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY  
ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Bethersden Road, Bethersden at Odiam Farm on or after Tuesday 24th June 2008 for a period of up to 7 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Potkin Lane, Ashford Road, Biddenden Road, Tenterden Road, North Street and Smarden Road and for westbound traffic vice versa.

EDF Energy Limited apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to allow for a new electrical supply to Odiam Farm, and should you require any further information about these works, their contact is John Rummery of Murphy Limited on 07920 150893.

**Highways - District of Canterbury****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY  
ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Canterbury from as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on or after 23 June 2008 for an estimated period of four months or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the schedule to this order.

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes
B2205 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay	Kings Road approach to roundabout	Canterbury Road, High Street, William Street and Kings Road
Hackington Road/Radfall Road/St Stephens Hill Canterbury	Downs Road to Mill Farm Thornden Wood	Blean Hill, Tile Kiln Hill Whitstable Road St Thomas Hill, Forty Acres Road and Beaconsfield Road (to be supplemented by Tyler Hill Road and Calais Hill), Thornden Wood Road closed at junction with diversion along Molehill Road, Chestfield Road and then South Street, Thanet Way, Clapham Hill, Pean Hill, Honey Hill and Blean Common
St George's Place Canterbury	Lower Bridge Street to Lower Chantry Lane (both sides)	Old Dover Road and Upper Bridge Street
Broad Oak Road Canterbury	From Vauxhall Road to Kingsmead Road	Vauxhall Road, Sturry Road and Kingsmead Road
Wincheap Green,	Complete roundabout	Eastbound - A2 Dover Road, B2046 Adisham Road, A257 Canterbury Road, High Street, The Hill, Canterbury Road, Littlebourne Road, St Martin's Hill, Longport, Lower Chantry Lane and St George's Place Westbound - St Peter's Place, St Dunstan's Street, North Lane, St Stephen's Road, Kingsmead Road, Tourtel Road, Military Road, Broad Street and Lower Bridge Street

This order will come into force on Monday 23 June 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON THE FOOTWAY OR VERGE) (TRAFFIC  
REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2008**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to prohibit stopping at any time with one or more wheels on the footway or verge on both sides of the following lengths of road:-

Name of Road	Length of Specified Road
Northgate, Canterbury	Between the junctions with Kingsmead Road and St Radigunds Street
Wincheap, Canterbury	Between the junctions with Simmonds Road and Ten Perch Road.
High Street, Herne Bay	Between the junctions with Canterbury Road and Station Road
High Street, Littlebourne	Between the junctions with Jubilee Road and Nargate Street.
Tankerton Road, Whitstable	Between the junctions with Graystone Road and St Anne's Road, Whitstable.

NB An Experimental Order was made on 15 February 2007 which introduced the above changes. This experiment was successful therefore, will be made permanent and will come into force as a permanent Traffic Regulation Order on 16 June 2008.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the new Order and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, may be examined at the East Kent Divisional Offices, 2 Beer Cart Lane, Canterbury between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

**Highways - Borough of Dartford****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
DARENTH ROAD, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Darenth Road, Dartford at its junction with Princes Road for a distance of 15m northwards.

The Order will become effective on 23rd June 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, works are planned to last for a period of one day on 29th June. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Princes Road, Park Road, East Hill or Princes Road, Lowfield Street, Instone Road, Highfield Road, Westgate Road, Home Gardens.

The purpose of the closure is to resurface the carriageway and undertake other minor maintenance works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD AND GREENHITHE (SWEATSHOP 10 KM ROAD  
RACE) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst a racing event is being held on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads and in various directions as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 9th June 2008, with the event taking place on the 15th June between the hours of 6am and 10am or until Kent Police believe it is safe for the road to re-open. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

There will be no signed alternative routes for the routes described.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the Bluewater 10km Road Race.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

**Schedule 1.**

A226 London Road Dartford - Between Cotton Lane and St Clements Way (East Bound). Traffic will also be prohibited from exiting the St Clements Way roundabout onto the A226 London Road from St Clements Way southbound and A226 London Road Westbound.

St Clements Way - Between Exit from Bluewater Complex to junction with A226 London Road, Both Fastrack Lanes only. Between The Junction with A226 London Road to the junction with Crossways Boulevard the left hand northbound carriageway will also be closed. This will also prohibit traffic from joining Crossways Boulevard from the St Clements Way roundabout.

A206 Crossways Boulevard - Closure of the Westbound Carriageway from St Clements Way to Cotton Lane. This closure will be from 6am.

Cotton Lane - No left turn from A206 Crossways Boulevard, also between its junction with A206 Crossways Boulevard to A226 London Road southbound traffic will be prohibited.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(DARENTH ROAD, DARTFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2008 ROAD  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, and all other enabling powers, is proposing to make an Order the effect of which will prohibit driving south of the Clubb Aggregates Access on Darenth Road, Dartford.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extent of this proposal, can be inspected during normal working hours at Joynes House, New Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0AT and at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA11 1DR.

Anyone wishing to support or object to this proposal may do so in writing, quoting the name of the Order to Miss Kerry Prescott at West Kent Division, Joynes House, New Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0AT and stating their reasons by no later than 30 June 2008. Responses received after this date will not be considered.

**Highways - District of Dover****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(CASTLE HILL ROAD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Thin Surfacing and High Friction works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Castle Hill Road from its junction with Woolcomber Street to its junction with Upper Road on or after 23 June 2008 for an estimated period of six nights or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Woolcomber Street, Azo Townhall Street, Az Jubilee Way and A258 Castle Hill Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 23 June 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months.

The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**Highways - Borough of Gravesham****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
THE STREET, MEOPHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on The Street, Meopham between its junctions with A227 Wrotham Road and Whitehill Road

The Order will become effective on 23rd June 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, works are planned to last for a period of up to seven days commencing on 23rd June. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Whitehill Road, Cheyne Walk, A227 Wrotham Road.

The purpose of the closure is to install a new electrical supply.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
NEW HOUSE LANE, GRAVESSEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on New House Lane, Gravesend between its junctions with Packham Road and Haynes Road.

The Order will become effective on 23rd June 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, works are planned to last for a period of three days in the following two weeks. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Haynes Road and Packham Road.

The purpose of the closure is to resurface and apply high friction surfacing to the carriageway.

**Highways - Borough of Maidstone****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BELTRING LEVEL CROSSING, GRAVELLY WAYS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Gravelly Ways at the Beltring railway level crossing on Thursday 12th/Friday 13th June 2008 between 2300hrs to 0600hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via Branbridges Road, Maidstone Road, Darman Lane, Gravelly Ways. The alternative route for westbound traffic is via Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Branbridges Road.

Balfour Beatty RIS Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for track renewal purposes. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Barbara Conway of Traffic Management Services Ltd on 01777 705053.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee,  
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)**





## Highways - District of Sevenoaks

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**BOTSOM LANE, WEST KINGSOWN (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Botsom Lane, West Kingsdown.

The Order will become effective on 9th June 2008, for a period of 5 days or until completion of planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A20 London Road, School Lane, Tinkerpot Lane, Knatts Valley Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a new Gas Service.

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**WELL HILL, SHOREHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Well Hill, Shoreham between its junctions with Pump Lane and Firmingers Road (1) and from its junction with Firmingers Road for a distance of 200m Northwards towards its junction with Parkgate Road (2).

The Order will become effective on 9th June 2008, for a period of 3 weeks or until completion of planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via:

(1) Rock Hill and Firmingers Road.

(2) Well Hill, Skeet Hill Lane, Skibbs Lane, Bucks Cross Road, Hawstead Lane, Rock Hill.

Please note: These closures will not be in place at the same time.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the installation of a new electrical cable and post.

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**CROUCH HOUSE ROAD, EDENBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Crouch House Road, Edenbridge between Stangrove Road and Pine Grove.

The Order will become effective on 9th June 2008, for a period of 1 week or until completion of planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Station Road, Hilders Lane, Little Browns Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a new electrical cable.

## Highways - District of Shepway

## THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(VARIOUS ROADS, SHEPWAY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various Roads, Shepway from as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on or after 23 June 2008 for an estimated period of four months or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the schedule to this order.

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes
A260 Canterbury Road, Folkestone	From roundabout with A259 northwards for 700m	A259 Churchill Avenue, A20, A260 Canterbury Road

B2064 Cheriton High Street, Cheriton	Weymouth Road to St Georges Road	B2063 Risborough Lane, Military Road, A259 Sandgate Hill, A2034 Earls Avenue and Cheriton Road
A2033 Bouverie Road, Folkestone	Castle Avenue to Manor Road	Cheriton Gardens, A2034 and Castle Hill Avenue
Sandgate Road, Folkestone	Earls Avenue / Westbourne Gardens	Earls Avenue and Shorncliffe Road
London Road, Pedlinge	Redbrooks Wood to Pedlinge Court	Ashford Road, Blackhouse Hill, Station Road, Prospect Road, Rampart Road and Military Road
Ross Way	All	No diversion required (cul-de-sac)

This order will come into force on Monday 23 June 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

## Highways - District of Thanet

## THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Thanet as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on or after 23 June 2008 for an estimated period of four months or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the schedule to this order.

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes
Cliff Terrace/Eastern Esplanade, Margate	Zion Place - Godwin Road	Zion Place, Northdown Road and Cornwall Gardens
George V Avenue, Margate	Junction with Canterbury Road	Hartsdown Road and Canterbury Road

This order will come into force on Monday 23 June 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

## THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(ALBION STREET, BROADSTAIRS) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Albion Street, Broadstairs from the junction with Harbour Street to the junction with York Street on or after 09 June 2008 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Nelson Place, Crow Hill, Lindenthorpe Road, Carlton Avenue and High Street.

## Highways - Borough of Tonbridge &amp; Malling

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**LODGE OAK LANE, TONBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Lodge Oak Lane, Tonbridge between its junction with Gorham Drive to corner of Cul de Sac in Vale Rise 30m north of the railway bridge.

The Order will become effective on 9th June 2008, for a period of 4 weeks or until completion of planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Vale Rise, Woodgate Way, Pembury Road, Tudeley Lane, Lodge Oak Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a new Gas Main.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee,  
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247

The Insolvency Act 1986  
STRIKEFORCE LEISUREWEAR LIMITED

(Company Number 03985722)  
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 1 Beauchamp Court, Vickers Way, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN5 5TZ, on Thursday, 26 June 2008, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Creditors of the Company will be available for inspection on the two business days prior to the above Meeting, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm at BHK Partnership, 1 Beauchamp Court, Vickers Way, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN5 5TZ. Dated: 2 June 2008  
Mark Thurston, Director

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## LICENSING ACT 2003

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE**  
Notice is hereby given that Mr Mark A Smith has applied to Maidstone Borough Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of premises known as the Southpark News, 192 Loose Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 7UF.

The applicants seek a Premises Licence for:

1. The sale of alcohol of all descriptions for consumption off the premises between the hours of 06.15 and 22.00 Monday to Saturday inclusive and 07.30 and 22.00 on Sundays.
2. The sale of alcohol for extended hours on Bank holidays and on other limited days as specified in the application.

Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed during office hours at the Maidstone Borough Council offices Licensing office London House, 5/11 London Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8HR, or on their website [www.digitalmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.digitalmaidstone.co.uk). Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by 2 July 2008. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5,000.00. Dated this 4th day of June 2008.

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## More power to Mondeo's elbow

By **STEVE LOADER**

LIKE an itch that just won't go away, I keep coming back to this thought about the latest Ford Mondeo.

That name – they should have changed it. Don't get me wrong, the previous Mondeos were both excellent and are used-car bargains, but the new car is such a step upmarket that Ford should have done what arch-rival Vauxhall is doing with the Vectra replacement – a new car and fresh name.

Nevertheless, the Mondeo continues to dazzle, not least in the cabin where alloy detailing verging on bling distracts from the fact that some materials below the eyeline are less lavish – I'm not keen on the exposed bonnet release catch, for instance.

The layout is stylish and well-arranged in typical Ford style though; having long looked after hard-working drivers clocking up lots of miles, the brand really knows how to lay out a dashboard and the best part is that this is done with real quality too.

So, the new car deserves to be taken serious-



ly as a rival to German executive models that stole so much Mondeo volume previously – it used to be the UK's number one seller, but has only recently managed to return to the top 10.

And the Ford also now has a new weapon with which to attack the likes of Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz – a performance diesel.

Up to now, the 1.8 and 2.0-litre TDCi have been the car's diesel options, but the arrival of the 175PS (172bhp) 2.2-litre TDCi unit – also now available on the S-Max and Galaxy MPVs – is a potent new option, delivering 0-60mph in 8.4 seconds for the Mondeo hatchback version.

Significantly, this unit – the most powerful diesel car engine offered by Ford – is also offered only on upmarket lavishly spec'd Titanium X and Titanium X Sport Mondeo versions, delivering a clear a message to the

German marques and company car 'user choosers'.

It is an impressive package; the Mondeo chassis carries on from where the previous car left off and delivers excellent grip plus taut handling without the expected trade-off on ride comfort.

Giving it the responsive 2.2 diesel enables even greater exploitation of these virtues – you start to see why the car has already won fans who look beyond the everyday badge on the bonnet.

Maximum pulling power comes in at just 1,750rpm, meaning less stirring of the car's typically precise six-speed gearbox. The car's ability to tackle any type of road conditions is particularly impressive when you realise that this third-generation Mondeo is also quite a big car; cabin space and rear leg and headroom is luxurious while boot space is equally yawning, but the road footprint is also substantial.

Yes, Ford is doing it the hard way by sticking with that name, but the latest engine to join the line-up can only enhance the new Mondeo's upmarket aspirations.



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# FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

## Vauxhall Insignia signals upmarket surge



OFFICIAL interior shots of Vauxhall's new Vectra replacement, the Insignia, are as impressive as earlier releases showing the car's muscular styling.

Highlights such as chronometer-style instruments, top quality fabrics and materials, and an eye-catching and cohesive dashboard design underline the General Motors brand's intention to take this car upmarket from where the Vectra sought its sales.

First impressions suggest it really could give the German executive marques a run for their money – payback for the Vectra volumes Vauxhall has lost to them in recent years.

The Insignia arrives in October.



SEAT'S stunning all-new Ibiza five-door supermini will also be one of the safest on the market, according to stringent Euro NCAP testing.

The maximum five stars were awarded for passenger protection, four for child protection and three for pedestrian protection – one of the best supermini ratings.

The new car, due in July, is larger than the car it replaces, suggesting that a smaller city model is in the pipeline from the Spanish VW Group brand.

The increased size follows a trend towards larger superminis and the Ibiza will have 'big car' options such as a VW Group seven-speed DSG automatic/sequen-

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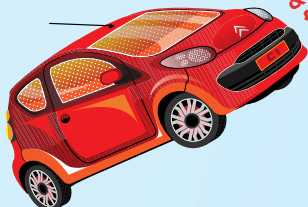
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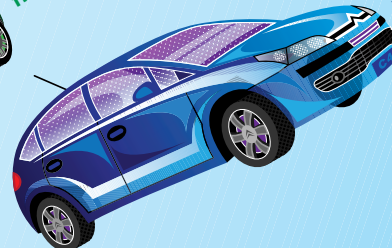
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## DrivingReview

by  
**STEVE LOADER**CHIEF DRIVING CORRESPONDENT  
[steve.loader@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:steve.loader@kosmedia.co.uk)**Audi A6 Avant**

HOW the estate car has been transformed.

If you owned one in the 1970s and early 1980s you would have been dismissed as 'trade' or, horror of horrors, a 'rep' with a boot awash with samples of cuddly toys or vacuum cleaner spares.

Then Audi and BMW in particular changed our minds; estates were renamed Avant and Touring respectively and the type started to say more about your activities outside work than in it – you drove an estate because you enjoyed a sporty or rural life.

So 'lifestyle estate' became shorthand for the type and usually signified a rather more raked rear tailgate than you would find on a real working estate.

In the case of the latest Audi A6 Avant, it makes one of the finest style statements in the executive estate sector, even if the pronounced downward sweep to the rear roofline robs further estate practicality. This is still a decent load-lugger though, and I was impressed by the 'rail system' and lashing points that can be used to restrain and arrange virtually anything you need to carry.

The cabin is arranged in the typically mini-

malist high-quality style that has become Audi's trademark, with neat and classy alloy trimming and the trademark steering wheel emblem that apes the front grille.

I'm no fan of multi-function control systems that are becoming popular for in-car sounds, navigation and other peripherals and I don't think Audi's MMI (multi-media interface) is particularly intuitive, but it is

effective once mastered and the colour display and guidance offered by the rear view parking camera is excellent.

There is no in-dash CD changer though, so this robs space in the glovebox, where an admittedly excellent iPod/MP3 link further reduces capacity; a major problem since this big car is not exactly blessed with stowage space.

However, the cabin is roomy at the front and

back, plus Audi has scalloped the rear of the front seats to assist the exceptionally long-limbed. Leg and headroom in the back is rarely going to be challenged though, even if the middle rear passenger will find his or her feet splayed wide of a fairly large floor tunnel.

But practical pros and cons are soon sidelined by the driving experience – the A6 drives as well as it looks and our 3.2-litre V6

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FSI Quattro showed the pace and grip to exploit the chassis.

With 252bhp on tap, it could be a handful in standard front-wheel drive form, but the all-wheel drive Quattro layout delivers exceptional grip and application of power. This big car feels as safe as houses on a twisty road.

The other bonus was the six-speed Tiptronic (double-clutch) automatic gearbox.

As this VW Group transmission has demonstrated so many times, this is an auto that really can be driven as a manual and you want that option for this excellent driver's car, while still preferring to select auto

when inching through town traffic or stuck in another M25 rolling roadblock.

On a purely emotional level, the engine also has the right sound. The V6 petrol unit is gloriously smooth and growls when pushed, even if the environmentalist parrot on your shoulder starts nagging in your ear and

## DrivingStats

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- Garage stats: 4.93m by 2.01m four-door estate
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## Crucial help aims to cut failure rate

A STATISTIC banded about not so long ago was that two out of every three new businesses didn't survive beyond the first five years.

Whether that figure was factual or anecdotal, the main message was that many fall by the wayside. Frustration about the high number of business start-up failures has now led Thames Gateway (Kent) Chamber of Commerce to do something radical to help firms.

Chamber chief executive Tracey Manley said: "Encouraging entrepreneurship is high on everyone's agenda, but that is not enough. You have to match that commitment with practical support.

"It is time for all the pre-enterprise talk to be matched by action. The chamber intends to use its knowledge, influence, contacts and network to make a difference, and our business start-up pack is the first part of this strategy."

It includes initial start-up help, three years' free business banking from the Royal Bank of Scotland group, as well as instant tender alerts, exclusive telecommunications and mobility offers, free software trials, discounts on products, half-price chamber membership and free legal advice, plus other benefits.

The chamber will add to its services in the coming months.

For details, see [www.thebusiness-startup.co.uk](http://www.thebusiness-startup.co.uk) or telephone 01634 311411.

# Glass ceiling yields to the female touch

By **TONY PATEY**

Business Editor

FOUR out of five South East businesswomen who went on a ground-breaking mentoring programme to smash through barriers to career progression report they now feel in greater control of their futures.

The programme saw more than 70 volunteer mentors helping 100 women in senior management roles across the region to re-examine how they progress – especially if they come up against a 'glass ceiling'.

It was designed and run by Business Link and financed by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) and the European Social Fund (ESF).

Business Link's Janice Sandwell said: "According to the National Management Salary Survey, although more than a third of managers and directors that make up the UK workforce are female, the glass ceiling still exists.

"The programme was designed to help women in small and medium-sized businesses fulfil their potential and it has been tremendously successful."

Male and female mentors taking part had previously worked in senior positions for private sector companies, all having had experience of leadership.

At an event celebrating the end of the programme, 80 per cent of the women who took part said they now felt in greater control of their careers while 40 per cent felt they have achieved a better work/life balance.

Another aim was to contribute to the overall productivity and competitiveness of the South East. There are 165,000 female-led businesses in the region but if women matched the number of male business start-ups, 25,000 more firms would be created.

Ms Sandwell said: "Business Link is committed to supporting women. Although this project has now come to an end, it is just a small part of the support



SUCCESS: Janice Sandwell of Business Link

that is available for women in Kent. Business Link offers access to events, workshops, clinics and online tools, designed for anyone, whether they are just thinking about starting a company or are established. I would strongly advise anyone in business to take advantage of the support and advice available."

Business Link is producing a directory, due out this summer, which is designed to help women find the help and support they need with ease.

Forthcoming networking opportunities include a Women in Business lunch with guest speaker Emma Jones, founder and editor of the home business website Enterprise Nation. The lunch will be at Eastwell Manor, Ashford, on July 4, from 11am-2.30pm. Entitled From Boardroom to Spare Room, it includes a two-course meal. To book tickets, which are £25 plus VAT, call 01732 878555 or visit [www.eventskent.co.uk](http://www.eventskent.co.uk).



ENTERPRISING: Gill Levett

## Ambassador Gill provides a role model

KENT businesswoman Gill Levett has been appointed a Women's Enterprise Ambassador by the South East England Development Agency.

Ms Levett, a consultant with Maidstone-based EMC Management Consultants, has been recruited to act as a role model for women and to promote the benefits of being in business. She will help raise the profile of women's enterprise.

The network of South East ambassadors is part of a nationwide initiative launched last year by Minister for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism, Margaret Hodge. They receive no payment, but involvement gives them opportunities to influence women's enterprise policy at local, regional and national level.

Ms Levett, who lives in Southborough, launched her first business when she was just 21. By the time she sold it eight years later, it was the largest privately-owned sandwich maker in London with a turnover of £1.5 million and 80 staff.

She was named Entrepreneur of the Year at the 2007 Crawley Business Awards. She joined EMC earlier this year.

She said: "Women are starting to embrace entrepreneurship. Women with children, in particular, have come to realise that the best way of combining motherhood with making money is to work for themselves."

For details, visit [www.womensenterprise-southeast.co.uk](http://www.womensenterprise-southeast.co.uk).

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## Guide has plenty to smile about

BRENDA O'Donovan, a costumed guide and visitor host at Chatham Historic Dockyard, took two awards at the first Medway Tourism Ambassadors presentations.

The Visit Kent awards recognise people from local tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses who consistently carry out outstanding customer service.

Ms O'Donovan, pictured, who has worked at the dockyard for eight years, won the Medway Tourism Ambassadors Award for Exceptional Customer Service as well as the award for Heritage Attraction Employee of the Year.

She said: "I'm not sure I do anything special – I just love talking to the visitors about our attractions and listening to what they have to say. And, as everywhere in life, a smile goes a very long way."

Victoria Melhuish, Francis Bethel and Sarah Hirsch

were presented with first prize for the team of costumed characters at Dickens World, while Alan Wood, of Buckmore Park karting circuit, gained the Leisure Attraction Employee of the Year Award.

James Hefferman, of the Ramada Encore, Chatham, was named Hotel Employee of the Year.

Roger and Janet Reader, of Salisbury House bed and breakfast, Rochester, were rewarded for their customer service with the title of B&B Employee of the Year.

Runners-up included Jane Chaplin, of Rochester Castle; Jim Spellman and David Hale, of Riverside Country Park; and Pam Wood and the costumed guides at the Historic Dockyard.

Judges also made a special mention of the work done by the staff at the Medway Visitor Information Centre.

# Your career is a learning curve

By **TONY PATEY**

Business Editor

ONCE upon a time, firms grudgingly gave you time off to go to college, or you had to go to night school to get further qualifications.

Now things are much easier. In fact, latest figures show that companies actually prefer to employ people who take time away from work to develop professional skills.

It seems that, despite the very real risk that individuals will move on to other jobs after getting extra skills and knowledge, employers see the immediate business need as crucial to encouraging learning and development.

Not surprisingly, for individual managers the chance to progress is a key factor to undertaking learning and development programmes – and they're looking for transferable skills offering a broader business knowledge.

The findings, by the Chartered Management Institute, indicate that employers accept that their staff will

move on to other jobs, but see immediate business need as a key factor to encourage learning.

Asked to identify reasons for supporting employee development, the top three responses were: strategic business requirements; improving individual prospects for progress; and enabling staff to do their job.

Individual respondents also gave a clear indication that they see value in time spent learning. A rating of six out of 10 was given when managers were asked if they had been rewarded and recognised for undertaking development programmes. Managers were also asked the extent to which learning had helped their career. A quarter said achieving a qualification led to promotion and 23 per cent received a salary increase.

The same proportion – 23 per cent – transferred their skills to a new career and 22 per cent got a new job

in the same industry. Half claimed that they also gained more respect from colleagues and 70 per cent focused on the opportunity it gave them to refocus their career.

Looking ahead five years, one-in-three employers also believe their managers will become more concerned about professional development.

These findings come in the wake of wider research which revealed that a combination of studying for qualifications and on-the-job experience has overtaken natural ability as the key ingredient for successful management and leadership.

Jo Causon, director of marketing and corporate affairs at the Chartered Management Institute, said: "It is becoming increasingly clear that if individuals want to succeed they must invest time in continually updating their skills."

"But studying on its own is not the answer. How managers apply what they learn in their relationships with customers and colleagues is critical to ongoing success."



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## Premier exhibition had such small beginnings

WHAT started as an informal gathering of local businesspeople – an early example of what we now call networking – is now in its 22nd successful year.

The Business to Business Exhibition, organised by Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, is at the Ashford International Hotel on Tuesday, June 24.

There will be more than 120 stands with exhibitors encompassing a whole range of activities, not just commerce. More than 1,000 visitors are expected. Jo James, director of the chamber's membership services, said: "We

have listened to feedback from exhibitors and visitors and have acted on their suggestions. We believe we have got it just right."

The original gatherings were at the request of chamber members who wanted to promote their services and products just to each other, but it has become one of the premier business events in Kent attracting exhibitors from the county and beyond.

Entry is free, and doors are open from 10am-5pm. For more details call 01233 503838, or email [jo@kentinvictachamber.co.uk](mailto:jo@kentinvictachamber.co.uk) or [frankie@kentinvictachamber.co.uk](mailto:frankie@kentinvictachamber.co.uk).

## Addicks ahead of the game

FOOTBALL is in the news again with Charlton Athletic's Steve Sutherland sharing with Kent's marketing people secrets about scoring goals on and off the pitch.

Mr Sutherland, the football club's commercial director, told the county's branch of the Chartered Institute of Marketing that targeting the Kent community has been a key strategy.

He said Charlton had established itself over the past decade as a modern and professional club while maintaining its loyal fans, despite only recently returning to its spiritual home, The Valley.

The Addicks' ethos was highlighted by the Charlton Community Trust, an initiative which began when Charlton returned to The

Valley in 1992 with just one member of staff, a bag of footballs and a telephone. It has grown into an organisation that employs hundreds of coaches and comes into contact with thousands of youngsters on a weekly basis. The trust enables the club to carry out a strategy to ensure that all community work is geared towards the four main government targets; reducing crime, improving health, raising educational attainment and increasing pathways to employment.

He added: "Corporate social responsibility is increasingly important and we are ahead of the game in the football sector and should be able to capitalise on our community investment by increasing our commercial return over the coming years."



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# Home-working is still an exception

By **TONY PATEY**  
Business Editor

ONLY one-in-three bosses gives the go-ahead for employees to work from home, according to a new survey.

The latest quarterly CIPD/KPMG Labour Market Outlook survey of the nation's employers finds that more than two thirds of employers – 69 per cent – never or occasionally accept employee requests to work from home.

This is despite the fact that, of employers who offer home-working, only eight per cent believe home-workers are less productive than their office-bound colleagues, while 30 per cent say they are more productive.

The remainder of employers say home-working makes no difference to productivity.

A fifth of organisations say they are more likely to accept requests from managers or professionals. So the much-heralded revolu-

tion in home-working has yet to take place, although a quarter of employers say home-working will increase in their organisation in the next year.

The report calls on employers to be more progressive to improve the morale and well-being of employees and the productivity of employers and the wider economy.

Gerwyn Davies, policy adviser at the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, said: "Employers should be more accommodating about accepting requests to work from home, rather than fostering a culture of presenteeism."

"The allure of home-working for employees is becoming greater given the stress and rising costs associated with commuting."

"The slow increase in the take-up of home-working defies evidence. While the cost of home-working has gone down, the cost of commuting has shot up."

"Inflexible approaches to home-working risk restricting the competitiveness and growth of UK organisations if employer and managerial mindsets do not change."

## Free seminars outline new statutory duties

COMPANY directors are being offered free briefings on their new statutory duties under the Companies Act 2006 by Kent law firm Gurlings.

Employment law specialist, partner Carl Vincent, will outline new legislation at a series of seminars organised in conjunction with Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

Guest speaker is John Grantham, managing director of Grantham HR Consultancy.

The free seminars, which include a Continental breakfast, take place from 8am-9.30am on June 12, at Ashford Business Point; June 26 at Canterbury Christ Church University's Broadstairs campus; and July 2 at Canterbury Christ Church University's Hall Place campus in Canterbury.

Gurlings has 26 partners and more than 120 staff, based at offices in Ashford, Canterbury, Folkestone, Herne Bay and Margate.

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# Staff look for the benefit

THREE out of every four UK companies fail to give their workers any health benefits – despite a massive demand from people on their payrolls.

Nine out of every 10 workers say employers should be providing health and well-being incentives, according to a website poll of more than 3,000 people by recruitment firm Reed, which has branches in Ashford, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

Eight out of 10 from the same sample claim that corporate health benefits, including sub-

By **TONY PATEY**

Business Editor

sidised gym membership, cycle to work schemes, help with stopping smoking and discounts for healthy eating would boost their productivity and motivation at work.

They also say it would create a better working environment, with 73 per cent stating that team sports would improve working relationships with colleagues.

Three out of five want their companies to offer subsidised gym membership; 14 per cent

want healthy food subsidies; 10 per cent would like yoga and relaxation classes and nine per cent want support to help them stop smoking.

But two thirds of workers admit they have never taken part in any sporting activity with their workmates.

However, one in seven head straight to the pub with colleagues after a stressful day at work, rather than exercise.

While they are quick to put responsibility for their health firmly on the shoulders of their bosses, comparatively few are willing to take proactive action.

Only 17 per cent manage to complete the Government's health target of 30 minutes of

exercise five days a week, while 28 per cent exercise for just an hour a week, 32 per cent manage two to three hours a week and nine per cent do nothing at all.

Martin Warnes, operations director at www.reed.co.uk, said: "Businesses should not adopt a knee-jerk approach and feel they should invest in expensive corporate fitness schemes, particularly in the uncertain economic climate."

"Small and less costly steps towards creating a healthier work environment can be equally effective, such as providing fruit for staff or encouraging staff to cycle to work or take part in a sponsored run or bike ride for charity."



**DIGGING IN:** Graham (left) and Garry Furneaux (right), flank Marcello Grita and Colin Crisp of the Royal Bank of Scotland at Kent Auto Panels' second Ashford site

## Den's boys drive legacy on

FOLKESTONE-BASED Kent Auto Panels, a family-owned motor dealership that has served the area since 1950, is opening a second Ashford site with a £2.6 million funding package from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

The company, which employs more than 100 staff and is one of the largest dealerships in East Kent, was formed by Den Furneaux and is run today by his sons, Graham and Garry.

Graham Furneaux, managing director, said the company recently received a customer satisfaction score of 99.87 per cent and was Company of the Year runner-up in the 2007 Thanet Business Awards.

NatWest Bank funded the purchase of the first Ashford site. Now the firm has another at the Orbital Business Park. Construction is due to be completed towards the end of this year.

## Paris event for Thames Gateway

A RECEPTION co-hosted by Locate in Kent and the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) was held at the British Embassy in Paris on Tuesday as part of the ongoing promotion of what is being termed 'Europe's most exciting regeneration project' – The Thames Gateway.

The event focused particularly on developments surrounding the 420-hectare Ebbsfleet valley. Guests, who were welcomed by the British Ambassador Sir Peter Westmacott, included more than 100 property agents, major French corporate institutions and investors and UK intermediary businesses.

James Brathwaite, chairman of Seeda, said: "This event provided the opportunity for collaborations and two-way trade and investment – between two markets that collectively have the technological know-how to punch well above their weight and compete successfully against the best international competition."

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, added "Kent is now the gateway to Europe and we expect interest in Kent from foreign-owned companies to increase."

"We have already begun to see this happening, with several companies from Europe setting up in the county over the last few months."

The event promoted investment opportunities around Ebbsfleet International Station and guests were able to hear directly from not just the land developer Land Securities, but also from other project partners Southeastern, London and Continental, Eurostar and Kent County Council.

Alex King, deputy leader of Kent County Council, said: "North Kent is bound to attract even more attention from investors, especially when new fast rail services reduce traveling times from Kent to the City to just 17 minutes in December next year."

## Miracles may take longer

KENT business adviser Tony Duke has just returned from a trip to India and Nepal following the ancient trade routes into China.

Now he's seeking corporate sponsorship to take residents from the Miracles Youth Centre in Gravesend's King's Farm area to Brazil in August for a conference on society, as well as drumming up financial support to help students spend gap years on projects in Nepal. Mr Duke, who is a part-time advisor at Northfleet School for Girls, said he's already got two companies interested. Contact him on 07951 560445 or tony@wakka.tv.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

One of the most hotly debated development projects in Kent involves London Ashford Airport at Lydd.

Modernisation of the airport on Romney Marsh has divided opinion. Chambers of Commerce have voiced strong support for the project, but environmental groups such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Green Party are opposed. Arguments about new jobs and economic regeneration clash head-on with grim warnings about noise, pollution and congestion. In the eye of the storm is airport managing director **ZAHER DEIR**. He talks to KOS Media.



ON THE RUNWAY: London Ashford Airport managing director Zaher Deir says business is very much on the up

### Q What are you trying to do at Lydd?

**A** Our intention is to create a successful, modern regional airport. We've already invested £20 million in new facilities over the last four years. An increasing number of businesses and VIP clients are using Lydd, so we built a new executive terminal to provide a range of services. We've submitted two planning applications to Shepway District Council. These are for a new terminal building, capable of handling up to 500,000 passengers a year, and for a 294-metre runway extension together with an additional 150-metre starter extension. We hope for a decision this summer.

### Q What is the history of the airport?

**A** There has been an airport at Lydd for more than 50 years. In its heyday, film stars such as Humphrey Bogart, Gregory Peck and Diana Dors flew from Lydd to the Continent. In 1958 the airport handled 222,828 passengers which, at the time, was nearly 37,000 more than Gatwick.

Today, the airport is licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority for general aviation, passenger flights and freight transport, and its terminal building can support up to 300,000 passengers a year. Kent's only scheduled airline, LyddAir, operates daily services linking Lydd to Le Touquet.

### Q Lydd is in a remote location. Why do you think it is suitable for development?

**A** It's an ideal location for a modern regional airport serving the growing air travel needs of the South East. We are a convenient gateway to London, the South East and Europe without all the stress or waiting times associated with London airports.

We have unrestricted air space, no runway slot restrictions, no weekend restrictions, and one of the best weather records of any airport in Britain.

The vast majority of all UK flight departures and arrivals are over the South and South East coast of England. So any surface journeys by car to airports north of London from Kent, Sussex and Surrey are a destructive component of the overall journey.

Gatwick is at the limit of its runway capacity and with the dominance of scheduled services, it no longer offers room to

grow for the leisure sector. Lydd is the closest UK airport to the popular European and North African holiday destinations, so it really is the most environmentally friendly option when it comes to providing additional runway capacity.

### Q You can already accommodate large passenger jets such as the 737 on the existing runway, so why do you need a longer runway?

**A** The runway extension would not affect the type of aircraft or the numbers of passengers that would pass through the airport, but would allow the same type of aircraft to carry

more fuel loads, so permitting a greater range of destinations. It also allows the same number of passengers to be carried as previously with a smaller number of aircraft movements.

This is very important because our opponents claim the area will be blighted by many noisy jets, so the fewer take-offs and landings there are the less disruption there will be for people living in the area.

### Q A significant number of jobs are likely to be created at Lydd if you gain planning consent. Your opponents say few will go to local people. Will you recruit locally?

**A** The runway extension will provide four full-time equivalent construction jobs, with 180 direct jobs created when the extension is operational and the airport is accommodating 300,000 passengers a year. The terminal building will create 43 construction and 1,500 direct jobs.

These vacancies should be taken up by the local labour market and will help regenerate the regional economy and breathe new life into communities. The development of Lydd should also promote inward investment and benefit local companies through the option of flying from LAA to a wider choice of locations.



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# Seven village shops will vie for honours

By **TONY PATEY**  
Business Editor

IT'S nearing crunch time for shopkeepers who have been nominated for the Kent Rural Community Retailer of the Year award.

The judges have whittled down the entries to a shortlist of seven finalists and they will be visited next month.

The competition is being run by Kent Action for Rural Retailers (Karr), which is part of Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

## Higher profile

The aim is to generally raise the profile of village shops, post offices and farm shops with local communities at both county and regional levels.

Sean Carter, rural retail advisor, said: "The judges had a very difficult task of reducing the entries to a shortlist of finalists to be visited by a different set of judges in July."

"The standard of entries was very high and eventually seven were chosen to be visited."

"I may add that a further three were within two points of being in the final seven."

The seven are: Mr and Mrs Patel at

Wady & Brett, Charing; Mr and Mrs Morrin at Egerton Village Stores, Egerton; Mrs Henderson at Wye Newsagency, Wye; Mr and Mrs Warden at Stelling Minnis Stores, Stelling Minnis; Mrs Edwards at The Old Bakery, Weald, Sevenoaks; Mr Malhutra at High Street, Newington; and Mr Florey at The Street, Sissinghurst.

These finalists will receive visits from the judges on July 14 and 16, and the winner will be announced on September 1 at the Kent Museum of Life, Cobtree, Sandling, at the annual Village of the Year competition awards ceremony.

All finalists and members of the parish councils who nominated them will be invited to attend.

Mr Carter said: "We have already had a great deal of interest in this competition and Radio Kent visited one of the entrants and interviewed the retailer and some of their customers."

"This is not about being the biggest or smartest retailer but about being part of the community."

"Naturally there are minimum hygiene standards and any shop that doesn't meet these standards will have less of a chance of winning than those with a high standard."

"However, we are trying to create a level playing field where all applicants have a chance to win."

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## Third Way's middle ground on pensions

IN THE world of pensions we have been used to clients having minimal choice when taking benefits.

Prior to 1995 if you matured benefits the only viable option for most was purchasing an annuity. Purchasing an annuity means using the whole of your pension fund to buy an income for life. It has always been relatively inflexible and of unknown value.

Annuity takers who die early may receive back far less than the purchase price, and those who live longer than expected benefit. Just like any insurance. Since 1995, Income Drawdown has been widely available. It is now referred to as Unsecured Pension (USP). This means you don't 'spend' on an annuity, you just keep your pension fund invested and draw an income from it.

There are maximum and minimum income limits set by legislation, but apart from these restrictions the investor has the choice on how much to take.

The advantage of USP is that on early death any funds not drawn could be returned to the investor's family, less a

tax charge, rather than being lost to an insurer, as may happen with an annuity.

USP has typically only been used for those with pension funds of £100,000 plus, or who have other specific reasons for not wanting to purchase an annuity. The income from USP is not guaranteed, and can reduce if investment returns do not replace both the income being drawn from the fund and the costs and expenses associated with running the plan. Now though, we are seeing the emergence of a middle ground, or as it is being referred to, a Third Way.

Options include temporary annuities that help delay the annuity purchase decision if things are unclear, USP contracts that provide the attractive death benefits but provide a guarantee on the income being taken from the plan and plans which lock in the value of your plan each year so that investment risk is removed.

Always seek advice if you are maturing retirement benefits as you need to find the most suitable option in what is becoming a very complex marketplace.

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EXPANDING: The popular shopping centre at Westwood Cross on the Isle of Thanet

## Food for thought

IT WASN'T just the sausages sizzling at a business breakfast meeting when strong views were put forward about the future development of Westwood Cross in Thanet.

The meeting, organised by Thanet and East Kent Chamber of Commerce, was given details of proposals for Manston business park, near the airport, and the EuroKent site by Seamus Cleary, interim chief executive of East Kent Opportunities, a joint venture between Kent County Council and Thanet council.

Chamber chief executive David Foley said: "He was treated to some direct views on the need to provide better roads and parking to attract the right companies. It was also agreed that local firms offer more potential for sustainable growth than inward investors."

"His experience with other business parks was that long-term employment was a much more likely result when companies with strong local roots expand or relocate into a development."

"Another factor mentioned was that Westwood Cross should offer opportunities for professional services providers to have offices closer to their clients."

Westwood Cross shopping centre was opened in 2005 and in October an entertainment development began on a site to its south-west. Phase two of Westwood Cross is being developed after the relocation of the Wickes store.

The chamber is a member of the Thanet College Employer Engagement Steering Group and Mr Foley said it was keen to ensure views of members are taken into account in the provision of courses and the establishment of a skills agenda.

He said Thanet College was in the early stages of planning a move to Westwood Cross and one of the objectives of this £70 million project is establishing a business centre where the management of local companies can receive training.

"We have recommended that such courses should take place in an autonomous area of the college under the branding of Thanet Business School and should match the needs and interests of local firms," he said.

# Looking for signs of life after a week of gloom

FOLLOWING our review of the economy last week, it seems there is little room for cheer.

This week has seen yet another bank, Bradford and Bingley, reporting worse-than-expected trading results, house-builders talking of significant staff reductions as new-build sales slump, and prices on inflation linked gilts reflecting the bond-market view that inflation will soon cause an exchange of letters between the Bank of England and Downing Street.

As expected, the Bank of England has left rates unchanged this month.

KPMG chief economist Andrew Smith said: "Rates are on hold until it is clearer which is the greater threat to achieving the inflation target: the risk that rising food and energy

By **RICHARD PARSONS**

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costs become embedded through knock-on effects on other prices and wages; or the risk that weakening growth pulls inflation significantly below target once food and energy price inflation slows.

"It may be some time before the Monetary Policy Committee feels confident enough to bet one way or the other."

Looking at implications for Kent and our local economy, Mike Sargeant, managing director of Canterbury-based Pharon IFA, commented: "I think the local economy is finely balanced between slowdown and recession."

"They say that when America sneezes the

rest of the world catches a cold. I think the US economy is in recession and that will have a knock-on effect for the UK.

"Kent will not be immune to the slowdown in the UK economy and I personally think things will get worse. I do not feel there will be any improvement in 2008 because the impact of the credit crunch will take some time to absorb."

"The consumer spending spree has been funded by rising house values and cheap borrowing and this has come to an end for the time being."

"The effect of the gloomy forecasts, and I acknowledge I am adding to this now, is also having an impact on sentiment."

"I expect to see the level of personal debt start to fall and the savings ratio increase,

reflecting falling confidence about the future.

"When this happens we spend less in the high street, so I expect retail sales to continue to be depressed."

"The one positive for Kent, and especially the east of the county, is currency."

"The euro has been going from strength to strength, making the UK a potentially popular destination for holidays and day trips from the eurozone."

"This may help keep some parts of the local economy buoyant. We are also unlikely to have as bad a summer this year as last."

"Recent figures from Marks and Spencer highlighted the fact that in 2007 the summer happened in April! So a good spell of summery weather will no doubt help."

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# Fleet unveil site for new stadium

## Club outlines plans to move in four years

By TOM HOWARD

EBBSFLEET United could be playing in a brand new stadium inside four years after the club revealed they have identified a site, according to acting chairman Brian Kilcullen.

The Blue Square Premier League side have released sketches of their new ground and a five-phase plan on their move from Stonebridge Road, their home for 62 years.

Kilcullen said: "The target will be to have the project finished in four years from start to finish, but this is only if we can get all the necessary parts such as planning permission and the purchase of the land completed. Sometimes these things can be hard to acquire."

### Project

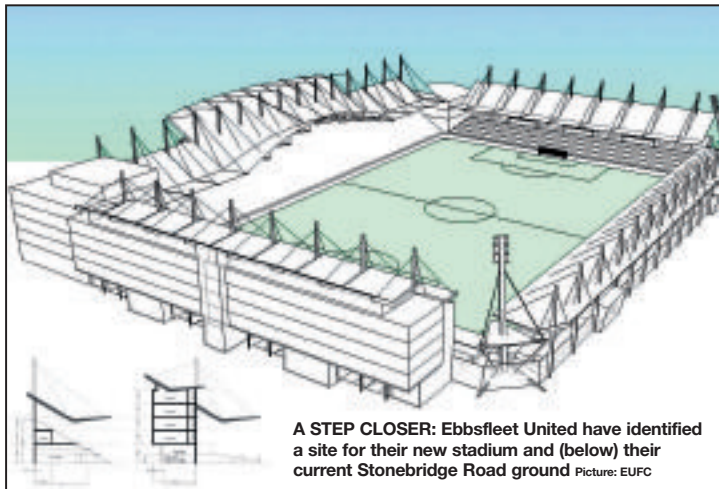
The aim is to construct a stadium with a minimum of 5,000 capacity, which could be increased to more than 8,000, on an unnamed site within a three-mile radius of Stonebridge Road.

Fleet Group Development, the subsidiary group set up to work on the new stadium project, has been looking at other sites and is planning the stadium with Championship football in mind.

Kilcullen said: "I think because of the area we are located and the construction of Ebbsfleet, it would be silly not to prepare for the future. The expected population growth could mean the town or city could be the size of Doncaster."

"You only have to look at their football team, who have just reached the Championship. Preparing for a future in that division may be ambitious, but it's sensible just in case we are lucky enough to reach that league."

The next phase of will be to acquire the site and apply for planning permission.



A STEP CLOSER: Ebbsfleet United have identified a site for their new stadium and (below) their current Stonebridge Road ground Picture: EUFC

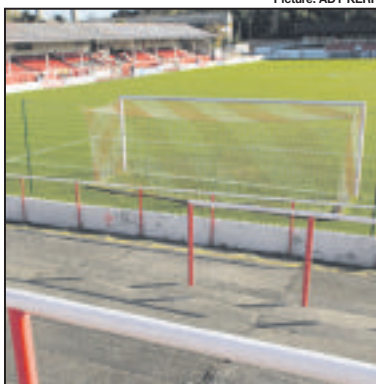
The club will make history next month as a team will be picked by MyFootballClub website members alone to play Charlton Athletic in the first pre-season friendly on July 12.

The website community's 28,000 members have each paid £35 for a share in the club. The concept sold on the slogan 'own the club, pick the team' includes the members being able to vote on team selection for matches and decisions affecting the club.

Originally the aim was to have the team selection function up and running by March, but this has been delayed.

MyFootballClub creator Will Brooks said: "The team selection will be going ahead in pre-season which is probably the best time to see ideally how the system will work."

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KNEES-UP: Jamie Lambert (right) is one of two Thai boxers from Herne Bay picked for fight for England this summer

## England call-up for Bay bashers

HERNE Bay may not seem like a hotbed for Thai boxing, but two fighters from the small town will take on the best in the world when they represent England later this summer.

Less than three years after joining Herne Bay's Warriors Thai Boxing Club, Ricky Hamilton and Jamie Lambert have been selected for the World ISKA Championships in the Czech Republic.

The sport is a variation of kickboxing but permits fighters to use their knees and strike their opponent's legs.

Lee Whittington opened the club after enjoying success training several champions at his gym in London and is delighted with the pair.

He said: "They have been training here for two-and-a-half years and now they are fighting for England. It's only a part-time gym and I'm amazed because it took me seven years to produce champions in London so they have achieved a lot. It's a testament to the guys who have put the work in."

Hamilton, 25, will go into the World Championships full of confidence after winning the Ringmasters title in the 75kg category in April – the UK's most prestigious elimination competition.

Lambert, 19, has developed fast since taking up the sport and after four fights will contest the 71kg weight in Olomouc.

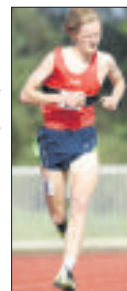
## Running track delay

MAIDSTONE's proposed new athletics facility has been delayed once again after an illness to a key club official prevented them from presenting their case at the planning meeting this week.

The project, planned by Medway & Maidstone Athletics Club and Sutton Valence School, has been hit with several hold-ups over the past six months and now they face another frustrating wait.

Adrian Lowther of Medway & Maidstone Athletics Club said: "For the sake of going to the meeting and having some questions left unanswered, we have decided to postpone the meeting for three or four weeks."

Their case will now be heard on June 26.



# Harland Olympic hopes ruined by ruptured calf

GEORGINA Harland says she will not rush a decision on her future after a freak injury ended her chances of reaching the Beijing Olympics, writes David Pritchard.

The 30-year-old from Canterbury ruptured a calf muscle in the Modern Penathlon World Championships in Hungary last weekend, and she will be out for at least three months.

The injury is the latest in a series of setbacks for Harland, who won a bronze medal in Athens four years ago. She had only just reached full fitness after missing three months last season with a post-viral infection.

### Huge blow

Harland told Kent on Sunday the injury was a huge blow but would wait until she regained fitness before deciding about her future.

She said: "The last four years have not gone the way I would have hoped. It has been a struggle moving from injury to injury and illness."

"I have always been playing catch up but I never thought I would be in this position. I always thought I would get into the team for Beijing. It's a massive disappointment and

I'm feeling fairly numb at the moment.

"At this stage I'm not making any decisions. I'm just concentrating on getting this injury repaired in the best possible way – that's my focus at the moment."

The World Championships were her last chance to qualify for Beijing, but poor shooting and fencing results in the final all but ended her chances of getting the score she needed to make the Olympic team.

Although her individual hopes had evaporated, Britain were still on course to win gold in the team event until Harland's injury 1,000 metres from the finish of the 3km run.

Despite making the injury much worse, she limped home to secure a silver medal for the team by just two seconds.

The rupture was so severe it could not be operated on because there was not enough tissue left to bind the muscle together, forcing Harland to wear a cast for six weeks.

She said: "People say 'why didn't you stop' but I have to say it never once went through my head to stop. All I was thinking was how was I going to get to the end. I felt it pop two or three more times. I was in agony but I just wanted to cross the finishing line."



INJURED: Georgina Harland's run of bad luck continues Picture: GETTY IMAGES

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THIRD: Motocross ace Tommy Searle

## Searle slips back after bright start

MOTOCROSS ace Tommy Searle was left disappointed with a third-place finish in the FIM MX2 World Championship at Mallory Park last weekend.

A brand new course was constructed specifically for the event at the East Midlands circuit and 41,000 fans turned out to cheer on the riders.

Searle battled for the lead early on in the first race. The Goudhurst rider tried to hunt down team-mate Tyla Rattray in first, but a late charge from reigning world champion Tony Cairoli forced a mistake from Searle and he had to settle for third place.

It was Cairoli who led from start to finish in the second race and there was nothing Searle could do but take the chequered flag in second position and finish third overall for the weekend.

Searle is now 10 points behind championship leader Cairoli and will be back in action next week in the French Grand Prix at St Jean d'Angely.

Porsche Carrera Cup racer Phil Quaife, from Tunbridge Wells, battled against mixed weather conditions to secure two points finishes, including a fourth place from the back of the field, in an eventful meeting at Croft.

Too much wheel spin off the line in race one cost Quaife any chance of a podium finish. He was in sixth place by the first corner and failed to make up lost ground.

The heavens opened before race two but an inspired move to change to slick tyres at the end of the warm-up lap proved crucial for Quaife. With a dry line appearing on the circuit, he decided to forfeit his grid position of fourth and start from the pit lane at the back of the field.

The damp conditions suited Quaife and he passed a number of drivers to come home in fourth.

Ashford Mighty Mini racer Phil Hetherington is just two points behind championship leader Nev Kirkpatrick after finishing seventh and fifth at Anglesey.

# Is the price right?

## Gills ticket price revamp fails to excite fans

By DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM'S new season ticket price structure has received a lukewarm reception from the club's supporters who feel the reductions could have been more extensive.

It is not a view shared by new Gills chief executive Mark Jones, who believes the club's reduction in season ticket prices will be enough to tempt the fans back next season despite relegation to the fourth tier.

Adult tickets bought early in the summer begin at £220 and are on average around eight per cent cheaper than last season. Gills have also introduced a £50 ticket for supporters aged 11 and under.

Fans endured a miserable campaign as Mark Stimson's team finished 22nd in League One, with the 11,500-capacity Priestfield regularly less than half full.

The income from season ticket holders is crucial to all clubs, particularly those lower down the leagues. Last season Gills averaged gates of 6,000 in league matches, with around 3,500 made up of season ticket holders.

### Loyal

Jones, who took charge in April, has overseen the cuts and he thinks they will tempt back the same numbers for next season.

He said: "I think we have to give as much back to the most loyal part of our supporter base. It was vital we helped them as much as we could."

"The irony is we need their support now more than ever now we are in League Two. We had 3,500 last season and we want to do the same if not more."

Although the announcement was made alongside a series of other offers, it was greeted with a lack of enthusiasm by fans.

In a mixed reception on fansite messageboards, many felt the cuts should have been greater considering the club's League Two status.



MIXED RECEPTION: Some Gills fans believe season ticket prices should have been reduced further because the team is now playing in League Two Picture: KEITH SLATER

### GILLS SEASON TICKETS

#### CHEAPEST ADULTS (BOUGHT BEFORE AUGUST)

##### MEDWAY STAND UPPER TIER

2008/09 - £310 2007/08 - £325 - Change: -4.62%

##### MEDWAY STAND LOWER TIER

2008/09 - £295 2007/08 - £320 - Change: -7.81%

##### RAINHAM END

2008/09 - £285 2007/08 - £310 - Change: -8.06%

##### GORDON ROAD STAND

2008/09 - £255 2007/08 - £290 - Change: -12.03%

##### BRIAN MOORE STAND

2008/09 - £220 2007/08 - £245 - Change: -10.2%

AVERAGE = 8.54%

Alan Liptrott, joint publisher of GillsConnect.com, believes many season ticket holders will not renew and instead be more selective with the games they attend.

He said: "I don't think anybody was over excited when the prices were announced. There were 3,500 last year but in reality I think that will drop to 2,500."

"The hardcore supporters will still buy them but I'm not sure we will get too many new ones. I think the price structure should have been lower to be honest."

Jones acknowledged some supporters would not be happy with the prices but said the club had to strike a balance.

He said: "It's a difficult scenario for us. We wanted to give back as much as we could. We want the ground to be as full as possible but we have to be mindful of running the business profitably."

"It's a bitter pill to swallow but we have to run a stable business and I'm sure the fans would thank us for doing so."

### Compare

While adult tickets beginning at £220, albeit in the uncovered Brian Moore Stand, compare reasonably well with other clubs in League Two, Gills' match-day prices are less competitive.

Entrance fees on the day have fallen by £1 in all stands except the Brian Moore Stand, which remain the same - leaving a range of tickets from £25 to £20.

Of the League Two clubs who have announced their prices for next season, Gills come out the most expensive, with no other clubs charging more than £20.

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## Game switch spoils Saggers' day

MARTIN Saggers was the only Kent player upset the club moved the quarter-final between the Spitfires and Somerset Sabres to Beckenham - rather than having a bowl out at Canterbury.

The Kent seamer was playing for the county's second team with a combined Northamptonshire second string against Yorkshire at Beckenham on Wednesday, where he recorded career-best figures of 9-62.

He was preparing to come out to pick up his 10th wicket after lunch until he was told the game would be abandoned because ground staff at Beckenham had to prepare the pitch for the rescheduled Friends Provident Trophy quarter-final against Somerset.

The quarter-final was to be held at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury, but flash floods left surface water on the pitch. It was felt it would not have dried in time for play on Thursday.

As a result, the game was played at Beckenham, denying Saggers a prized 10-wicket haul.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I guess it was slightly bittersweet really. We were looking to carry on after lunch and I had an eye on picking up that last wicket, but obviously the first

team's quarter-final was the most important thing."

"I am there to get wickets and I needed to get the overs under my belt but I never dreamt this morning that I would take all nine wickets."

Saggers was asked to play for the second team after a disappointing outing in last week's game against Somerset at Tunbridge Wells in which he finished wicketless in both innings.

There was no change of approach for the 36-year-old, but instead he felt there was perhaps a little bit of luck in which the edges were caught and decisions went his way.

He said: "Sometimes you lack a bit of confidence in a game and you don't bowl as well as you can, but it's the same for batsmen too."

"I just found the edge on numerous occasions and managed to get the ball in the right areas. I had a couple dropped in the slips too that could have meant I got 10, but it wasn't to be."

"All I have got to do now is keep taking wickets and push for a place back in the side and then in it is up to the coaches if I get picked again."



DENIED: Martin Saggers missed out on a 10-wicket haul against Yorkshire Picture: ADY KERRY

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# We fear no-one

The team that clinched a place in semi-finals of trophy is a match for anyone, says Kent off-spinner



With JAMES TREDWELL

**W**HAT a superb win it was against Somerset at Beckenham on Thursday.

It was also great that we were able to switch the match from Canterbury at such short notice. Well done to all involved.

I'm not sure Martin Saggers was too impressed, though. He had taken all nine Yorkshire wickets in our second XI's match at Beckenham when it had to be abandoned on Wednesday lunchtime so the groundstaff could prepare the pitch for our game the following day.

Poor Saggsy, but although he didn't have the chance to take all 10 he must surely have been pleased with nine.

In important games like a Friends Provident Trophy quarter-final, all you want is to have a full match. Reduced-overs games, or a dreaded bowl-out, is not the way to decide things if you can possibly help it.

With the real strength in depth we have in the team now, and the way we have been playing in one-day cricket, we would back ourselves against anyone right now.

**L**ook how Neil Dexter came in at late notice to replace Martin van Jaarsveld, one of our best batsmen this season, and scored 101 not out. It just shows the talent we have at our disposal.

Somerset are a tough side, but we fancied ourselves to win, and the same will apply in the semi-final now up at Durham. That is a difficult place to go, and they aren't the Trophy holders for nothing, but we fear no-one.

With the Twenty20 Cup starting this coming Wednesday, in which we desperately want to try to defend our title and go all the way like last summer, with a big semi-final occasion against Durham to look forward to, and knowing that we can also be very competitive in the championship, there is so much to play for in the coming weeks and months. Every game's a big one, and that's great.

If rain had not ruled out the whole of the first day of our championship match at Hampshire at the Rose Bowl, I am sure we would have beaten them and that would have put us right up there in the First Division table too.

After the disappointment of losing by just 20 runs against Somerset at Tunbridge Wells, in a match we could and

should have won, to have beaten Hampshire in that next championship game would have been a real boost.

Nevertheless, the championship's top division is so closely-fought now that you can't really call it at this stage of the season. We just need a couple of wins, and we're capable of that in our next few matches.

**A**s for my own cricket at the moment, it is nice simply to be involved in a successful team which is playing well. I've had a couple of good knocks with the bat, and there have been a few decent enough bowling spells too, but overall I've not really had the consistency in my performances that I would like.

A few tricky batting pitches, and a couple of games where I've not bowled much, have not helped me – but I'm hoping to get consistency back into my game as soon as possible and I'll be working hard to make sure that happens.

It was no surprise when my name did not appear in the England one-day squad for the limited-overs matches against New Zealand which start at the end of this coming week. Graeme Swann got the nod for the main spin-bowling position, and he was always ahead of me out in New Zealand last winter when I was included in an England squad for the first time.

**'Somerset are a tough side, but we fancied ourselves to win and the same will apply in the semi-final against Durham'**

But I don't think the selectors were ever going to choose two spinners in a squad at home, and I must now concentrate on my own performances for Kent in the Twenty20 Cup, and in that FPT semi-final, to keep my name in the forefront of their minds.

Batsmen so far this season seem to be playing even more aggressively against off-spin bowling, and a lot of flat one-day pitches don't really help. But that means I've got a bit more adapting of my game to work on, and it's another challenge which will help me to improve my bowling further.

Even though I suffered a bit from the short straight boundaries at Beckenham on Thursday I was also delighted to get the key wicket of Justin Langer – for the second time in a fortnight after also dismissing him during the Tunbridge Wells championship fixture.



CONFIDENT: James Tredwell says Kent are in form and ready to beat anyone

Picture: ADY KERRY

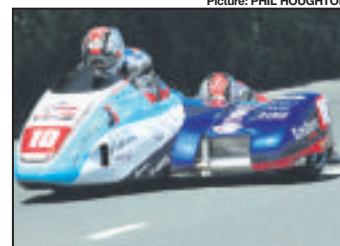
On Thursday I managed to get one to turn and bounce a little bit more and Langer thin-edged it to Geraint Jones behind the stumps as he tried to run it away towards third man.

It's always great to get a player of his calibre out, but at the time it was a crucial wicket for us because, after the bonus of dismissing Marcus Trescothick early, Langer and Craig Kieswetter had put on a sizeable partnership for their second wicket and we looked as if we could have been in trouble if they had stayed together much longer.

• **James Tredwell, the Kent and England Lions all-rounder, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.**



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ROOKIE: Tim Reeves and sidecar passenger Patrick Fabrance stormed to third in their first Isle of Man TT

## TT debut my finest hour, says Reeves

THE notoriously dangerous Isle of Man TT race course was unable to tame three-time world sidecar champion Tim Reeves, who made history with a third-place finish in what he believes was the greatest moment of his career.

The Tenterden-born racer eagerly awaited his chance to tackle the 37.7-mile course for the first time and did not waste his opportunity by recording the best finish by a rookie for 30 years.

Going into the event, Reeves admitted the TT did not worry him even though the course has claimed 223 lives in its 100-year history, including three last year.

Reeves' hard work during the winter – getting to grips with a new machine for the event and making countless trips to the island – paid off with a stunning display in the first race.

In practice the TT debutant turned heads by setting the fastest-ever lap by a rookie and he repeated his impressive performance in qualifying by claiming the 10th starting spot.

### History

After lap one of three, Reeves had already started to make his move and was sixth, with an opening lap speed of 110.3mph. He improved on his second lap and moved up to fourth position with a lap of 111.6mph and was marginally behind the top three.

Reeves made history as he continued his pace to cross the line third behind winner Nick Crowe and second-placed John Holden.

He said: "To get on the podium in my first TT race tops anything else I have ever achieved, including my world championship wins. I am over the moon with this result; I just can't believe it."

"I always believed in myself, ever since we decided to come to the Isle of Man TT races. So many people knocked us and said that although we are world champions, we wouldn't be able to cut it on the island, but I think we've proved the doubters wrong."

Reeves battled hard in the second race on Wednesday and secured sixth position with race one winner, Crowe clinching a double victory.

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## Rams unveil midfielder

FORMER Ebbsfleet United midfielder Lee Maskell has signed a two year deal with Ryman Premier side Ramsgate.

Maskell (pictured) was released by Fleet last week after failing to secure regular first-team football.

Ramsgate manager

Jim Ward moved quickly to sign the 19-year-old and believes he will prove to be a



Picture: EUFC

great addition to his squad.

Ward said: "He is a great player and he will be a massive boost to our squad. He is a great footballer and never gives the ball away."

"He likes the ambitions the club has and decided to join."

Putting a contract together did not take long and I'm happy to have got him at the club."

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# SPITFIRES BANKING ON TWENTY20 CASH

## Bad weather taking its toll on county profits

**HOLY GRAIL:** Kent raise more money from hosting one Twenty20 match than they do from the whole of the County Championship season  
Picture: GETTY IMAGES



By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT are looking to a lucrative Twenty20 campaign to help replenish club coffers after a disappointing start to the season.

While on the pitch the team are finding form, the first two months of the season have not gone to plan for the club financially.

Several of Kent's high-profile matches have been hit by bad weather, which has had an impact on attendances.

The county are now looking forward to the Twenty20 Cup, which they won for the first time last season, to make up any losses sustained early in the season.

They get their defence underway at home to Sussex on Wednesday.

Jon Fordham, Kent's commercial director, told Kent on Sunday how important the competition has become financially.

He said: "For us, the Twenty20 has to be a money-spinner because we earn probably more in one game than we do in an entire county championship season. "If everything is in our favour we can net £60,000 from just one match. That includes entrance and all the peripherals such as scorecards, the shop and all the beer and food tents.

"We have had rotten luck with the weather which has really affected home crowds. Hopefully it's payback time and we can make some money through the Twenty20 games."

Rain wiped out Kent's game against Middlesex in the Friends Provident Trophy on Bank Holiday Monday, which should have been the climax to the Tunbridge Wells cricket festival.

Poor conditions also hampered the three-day tour match against New Zealand at Canterbury in April. More than half the match was lost, depleting what were expected to be sizeable crowds.

This week, Kent were hit by flash flooding after a sudden downpour at the St Lawrence Ground less than 24 hours before their Friends Provident Trophy quarter-final. The game against Somerset was due to be televised but the pitch did not recover in time.

Rather than decide such an important game on a bowl-out, Kent switched the game to Beckenham on Thursday and went on to win by 37 runs.

Fordham admitted changing the venue at such short notice was a complicated task but felt it was the right decision.

He said: "It was an absolute logistical nightmare in trying to get an infrastructure right in under 24 hours. It is down to the simple things like toilets and chairs.

"Looking at the crowd we had at Beckenham I think we did a pretty good job. The ground staff and people behind the scenes have been fantastic. You can't put a high-profile game of cricket on without people pulling together."

### Costs

Although the postponement meant the game was not televised, Kent did not lose out on valuable TV money. Each county receives a share of the television money from the ECB rather than directly from Sky.

There were some costs involved in switching grounds but they were far less than abandoning the game completely.

Fordham also revealed the redevelopment of the St Lawrence Ground is not likely to begin until the end of the season.

The club originally planned to begin work in January but have been hit by delays on the £10m project, which includes the construction of a 130-bedroom hotel and fitness suite.

He said: "The ground development is going slower than we would have liked and the wheels are grinding slowly, but everything is virtually in place.

"It is a challenge now because I think if we had got everything up at the start of the season then everyone gets used to it. My concern is that if we suddenly do it in the middle of the season, people will see it as something totally different.

"I think that by trying to defer towards the end of the season, we can carry on playing cricket without any of the disruption."

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